

# STATE OF THE CITY



## CABOT, ARKANSAS 2018

### MAYOR BILL CYPERT

02/19/2018



*Health, safety, education, quality, professionalism,  
and progress every day!*

# ***CABOT***

## ***Is a Progressive City!***





***From a humble beginning in 1873 as a water stop on the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, Cabot is the nineteenth largest city in Arkansas***

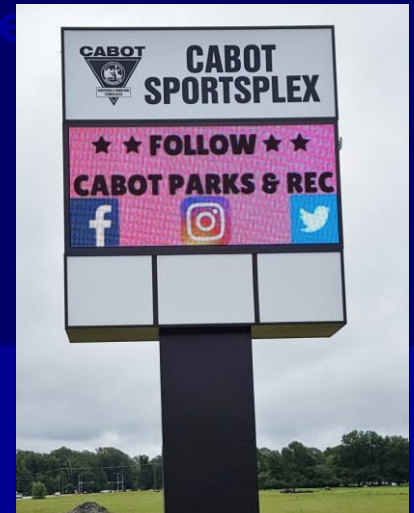




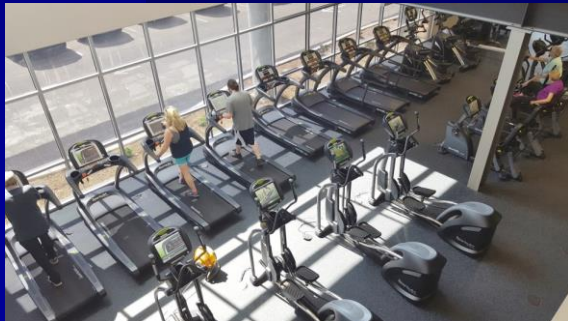
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New Fire Station

# Cabot Aquatic Park





# **STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES FOR PROGRESS**

- **Community and economic development, well underway**
- **Educational achievement and continued development of workforce and vocational training opportunities**
- **Quality of life enhancements ongoing**
- **Mitigating drainage issues causing rainwater to get into heated and cooled space as well as garages and storage buildings, \$921,635 invested in the Highlands Subdivision alone, considerable progress made**
- **State highway major arterial infrastructure capacity and traffic flow improvements, Cabot has done well in planning projects and funding from the ArDOT and Metroplan**
- **City street infrastructure reinvestment, in progress**
- **Recreational facilities development, in progress**
- **Walkability, bicycling, and walking trails development**
- **No new taxes**

# **REVENUE, EXPENSES, GRANTS, SAVINGS 2017**

- **City sales tax revenue up 3.36% 2016 -2017**
- **County sales tax revenue up 5.55% 2016 -2017**
- **A & P tax revenue up 2.47% 2016 - 2017**
- **Total revenue and expenses basically on target**
- **Since 2011, city has received \$4,945,447 in grants**
- **Since 2011, \$2,660,069 annual and recurring and savings have been realized**

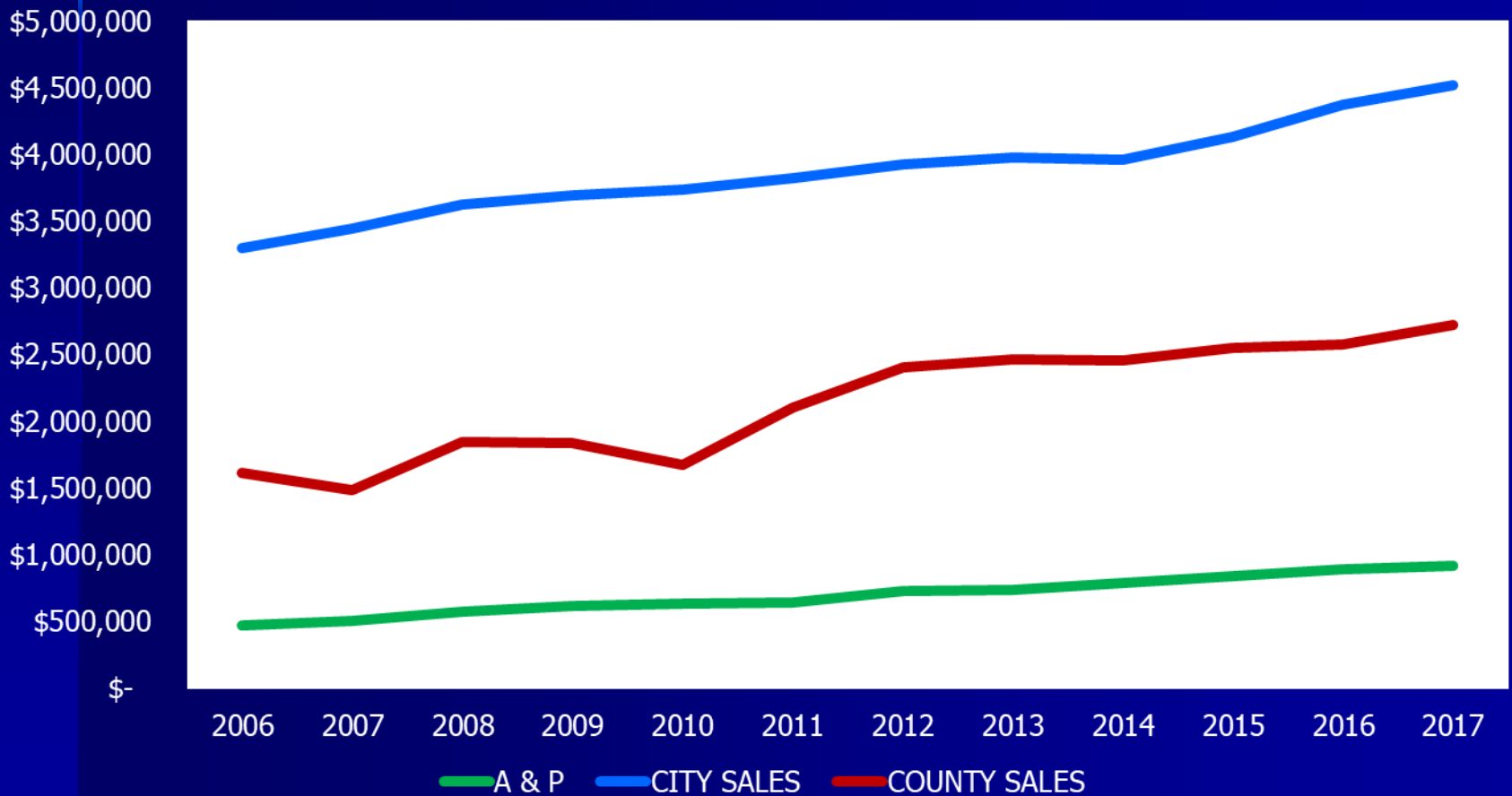


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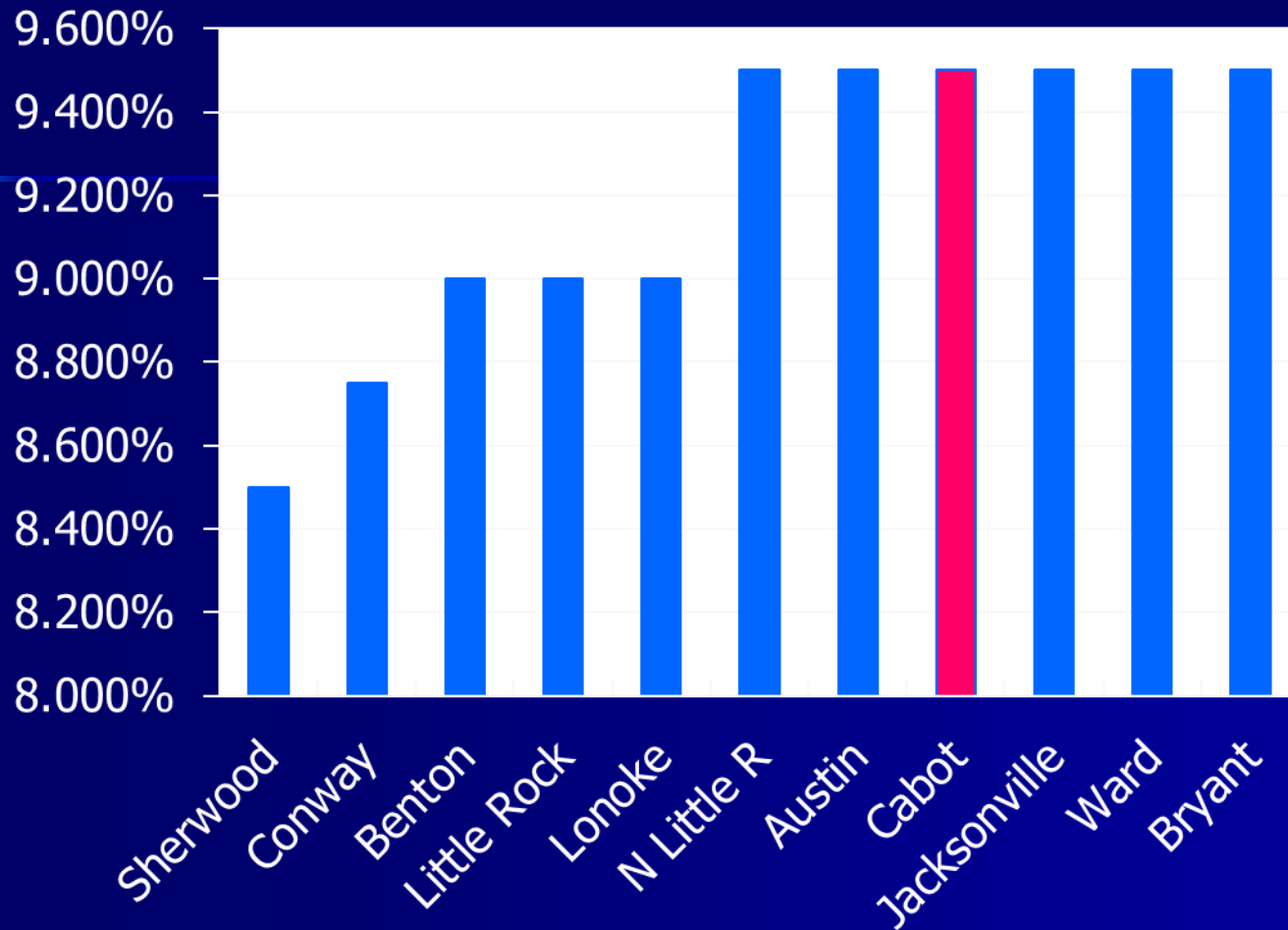
## Tax Growth Rate History Since 2006

**A & P 8.43% Annually**  
**City 3.36% Annually**  
**County 6.27% Annually**

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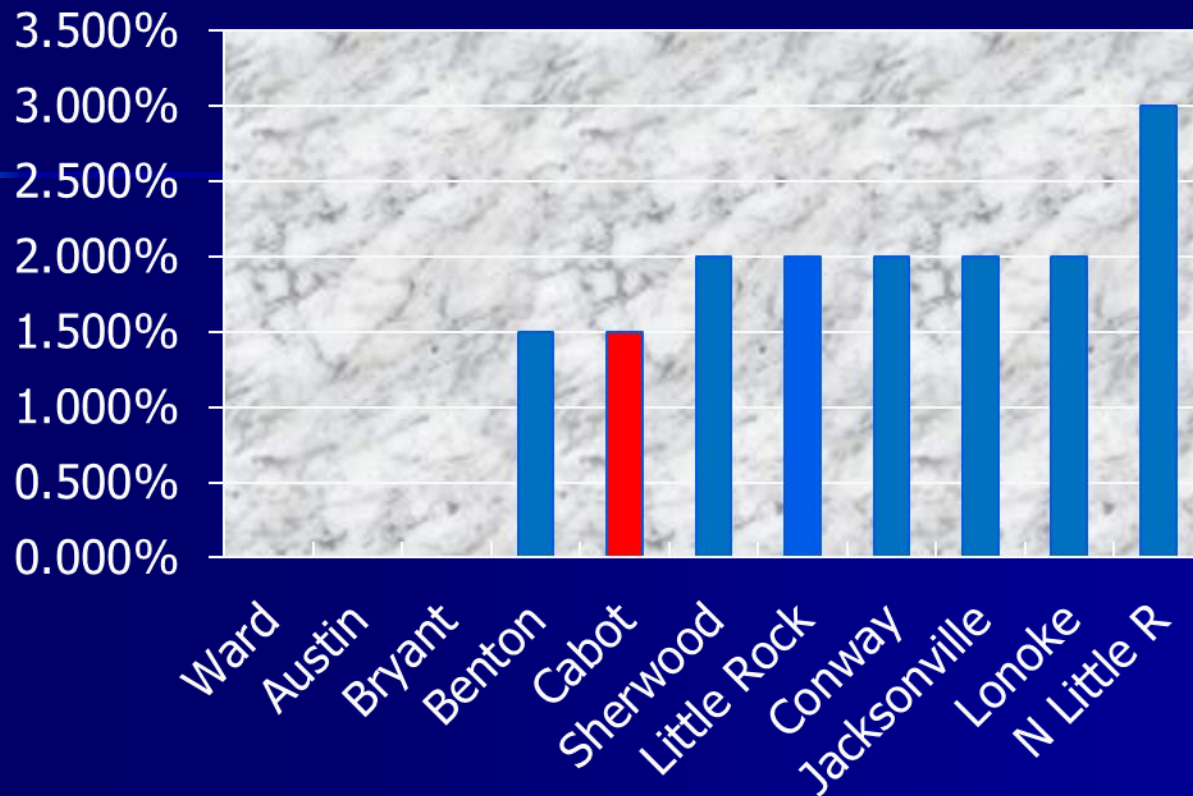
# ***Total Sales Tax W/O A & P***



***Range is 8.50% to 9.50%, Cabot is 9.50%***  
***No new taxes in Cabot***

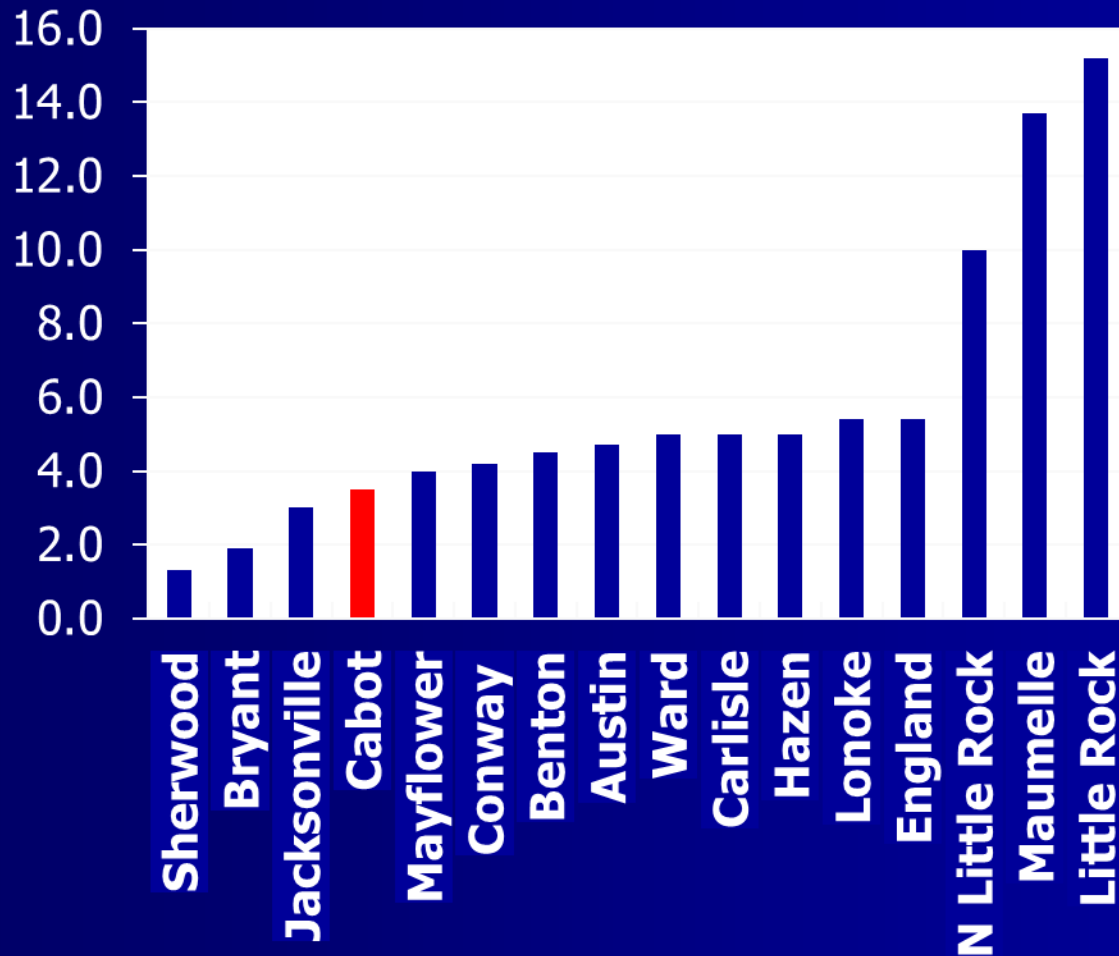


# ***Advertising and Promotion Tax***



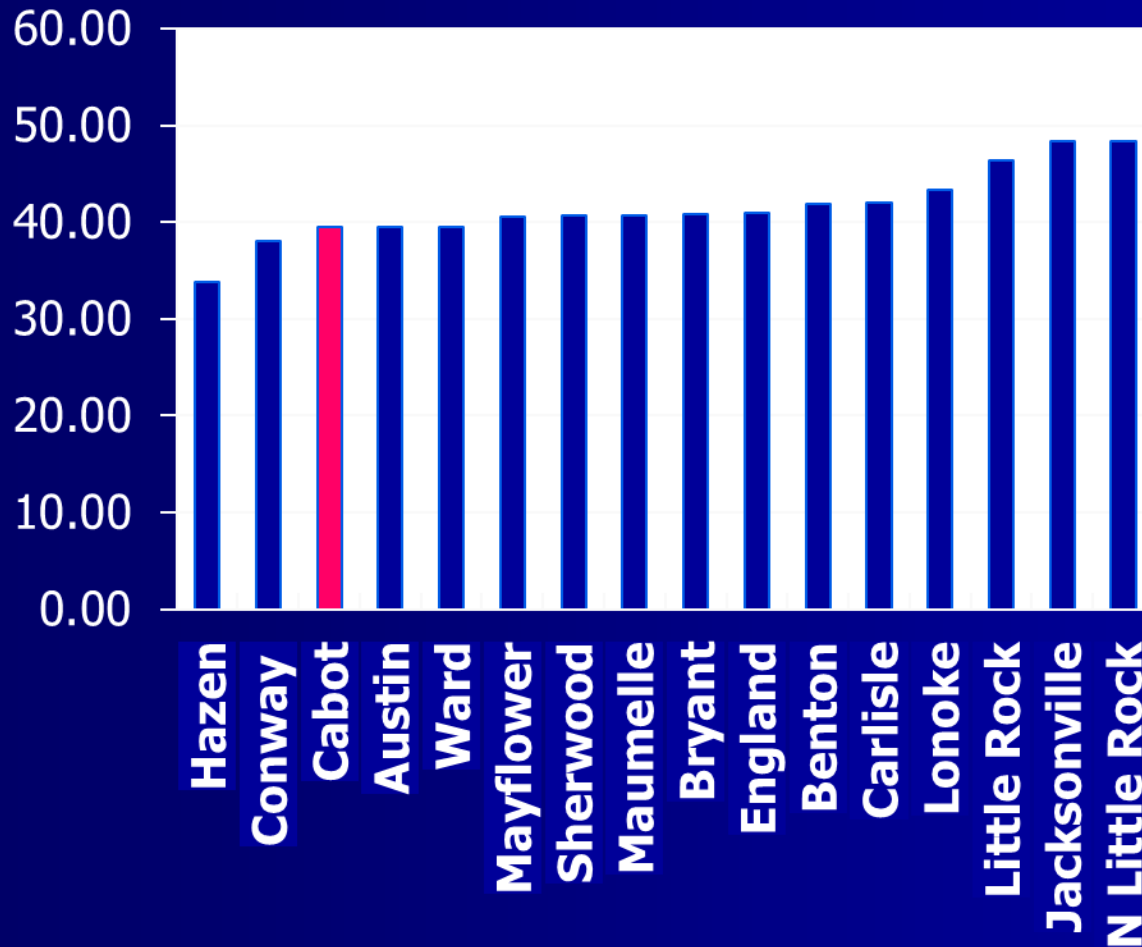
***Range is 0% to 3%, Cabot is 1.5%***

# ***City Millage Rates Real and Personal Property***

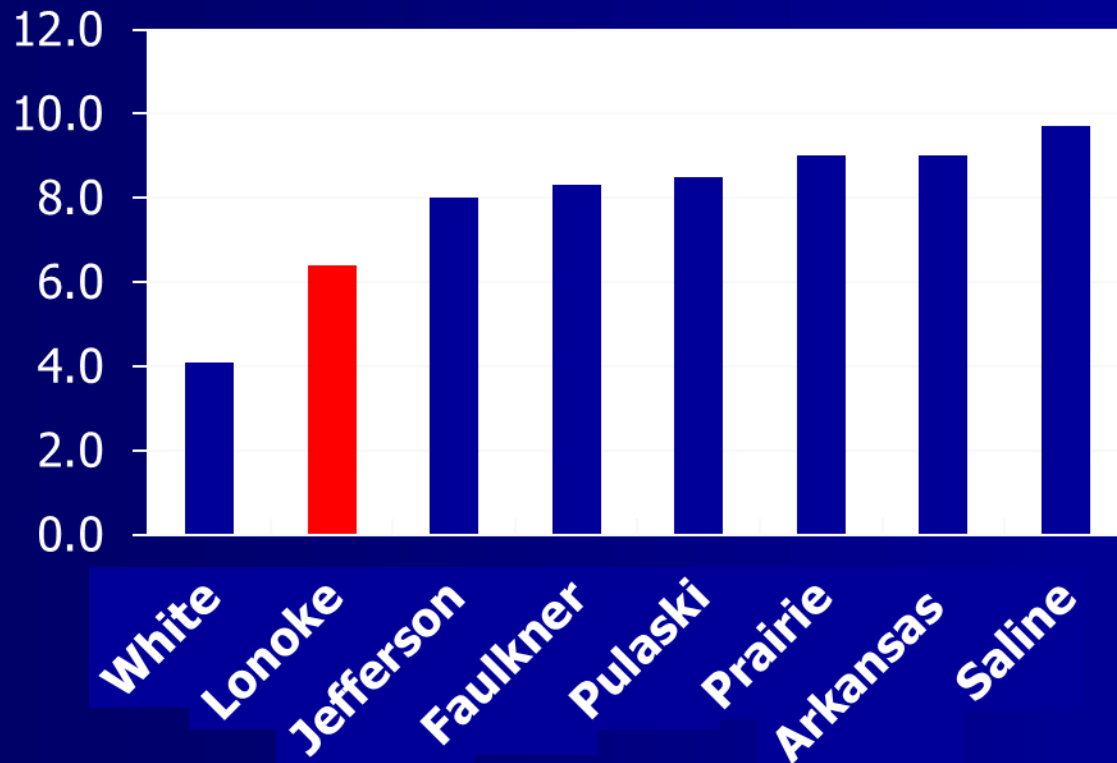




# ***City Millage Rates School District***



# ***County Millage Rates***



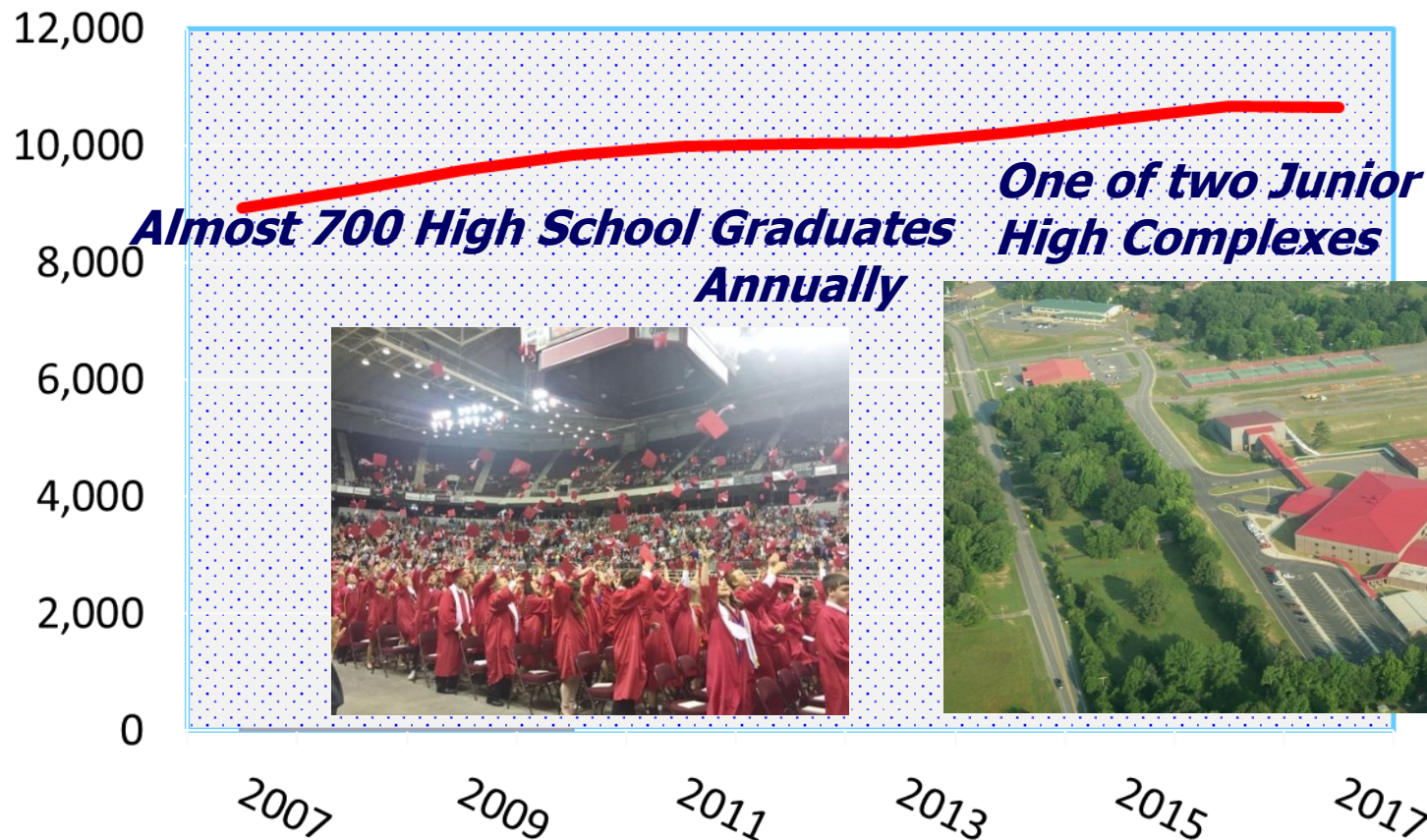
***Cabot High School Band***

# **SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT and Pre-K HISTORY**

***19.08% GROWTH SINCE 2007***



***High School Campus***

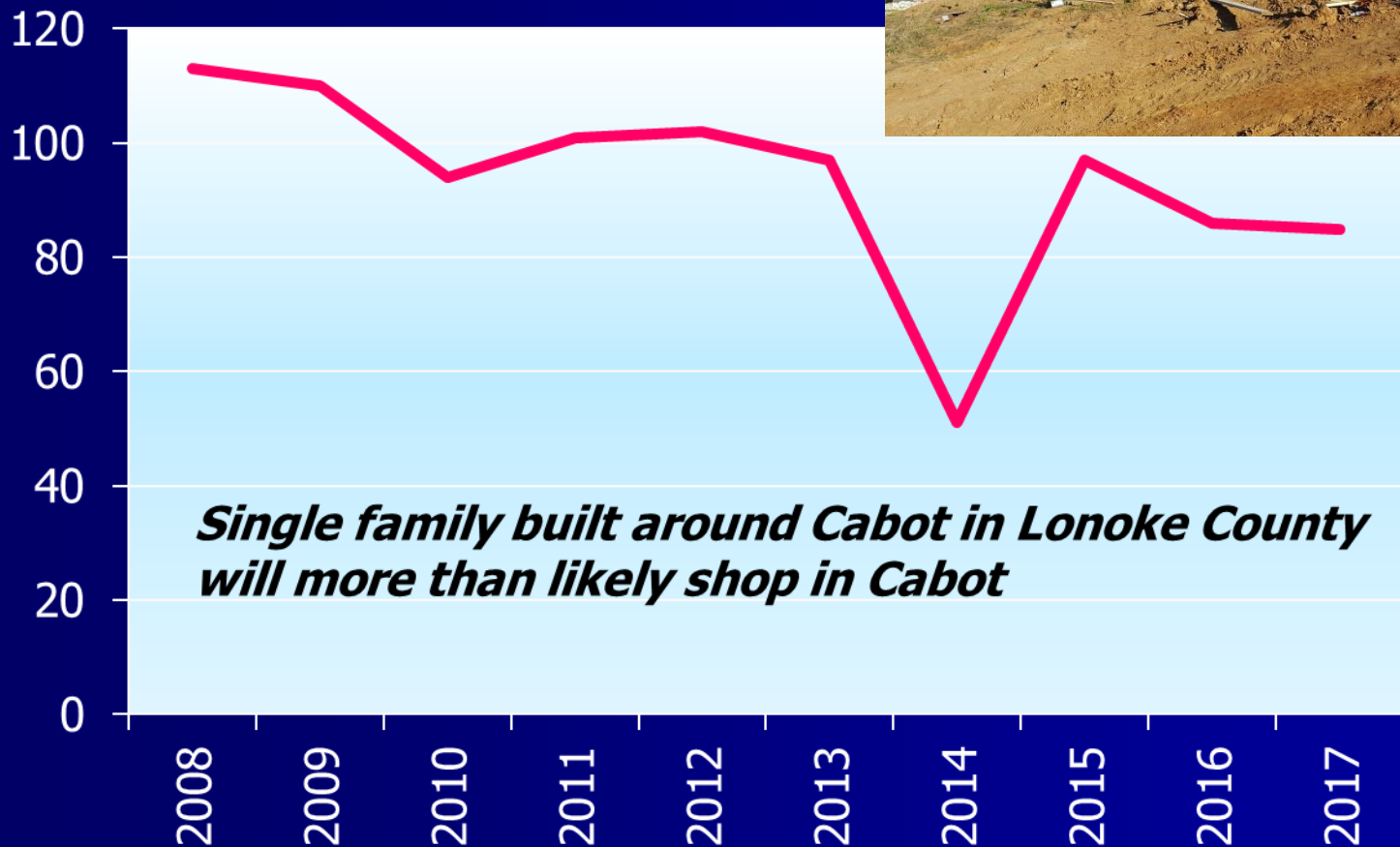


***The city and school district will continue to encourage workforce and vocational training opportunities with 20 career and technical programs at the high school***

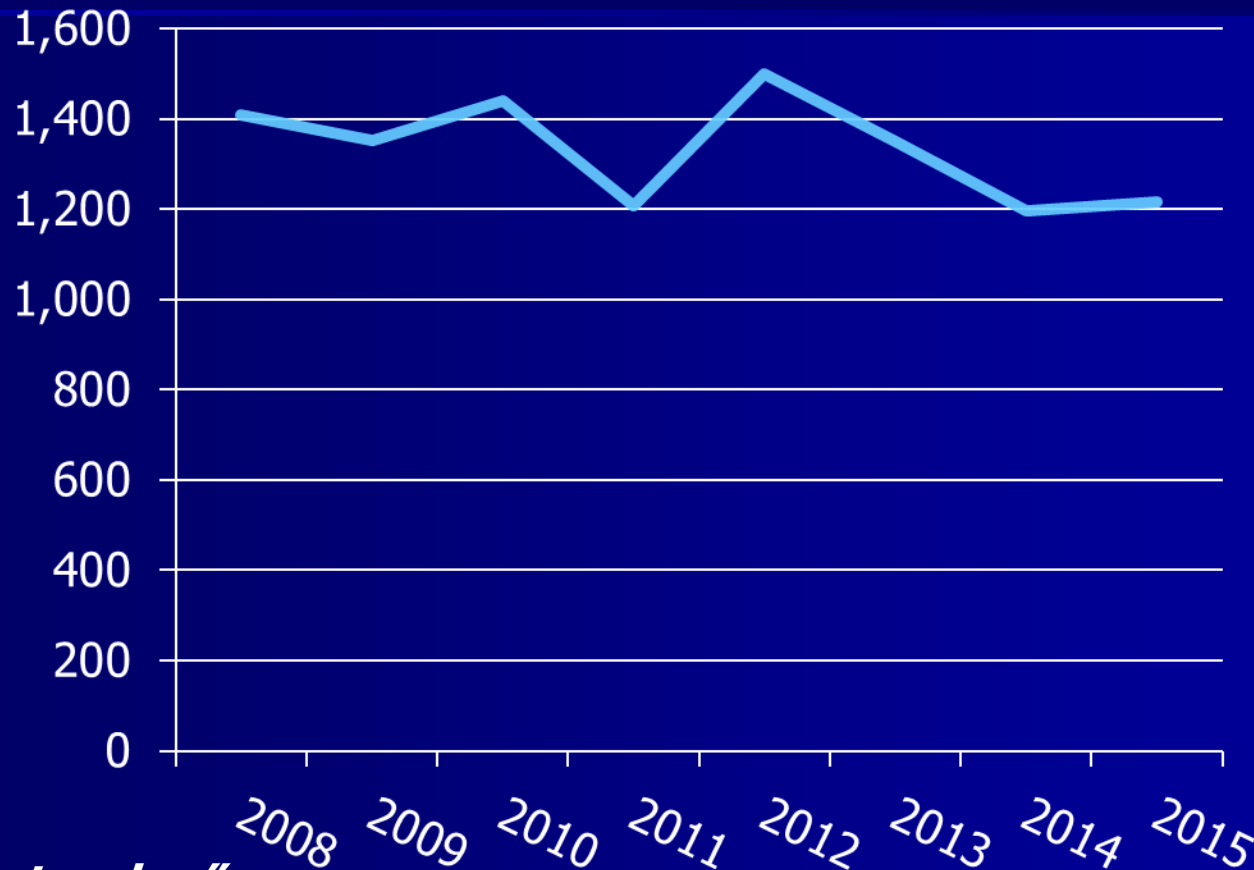


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## SINGLE FAMILY BUILDING PERMITS HISTORY

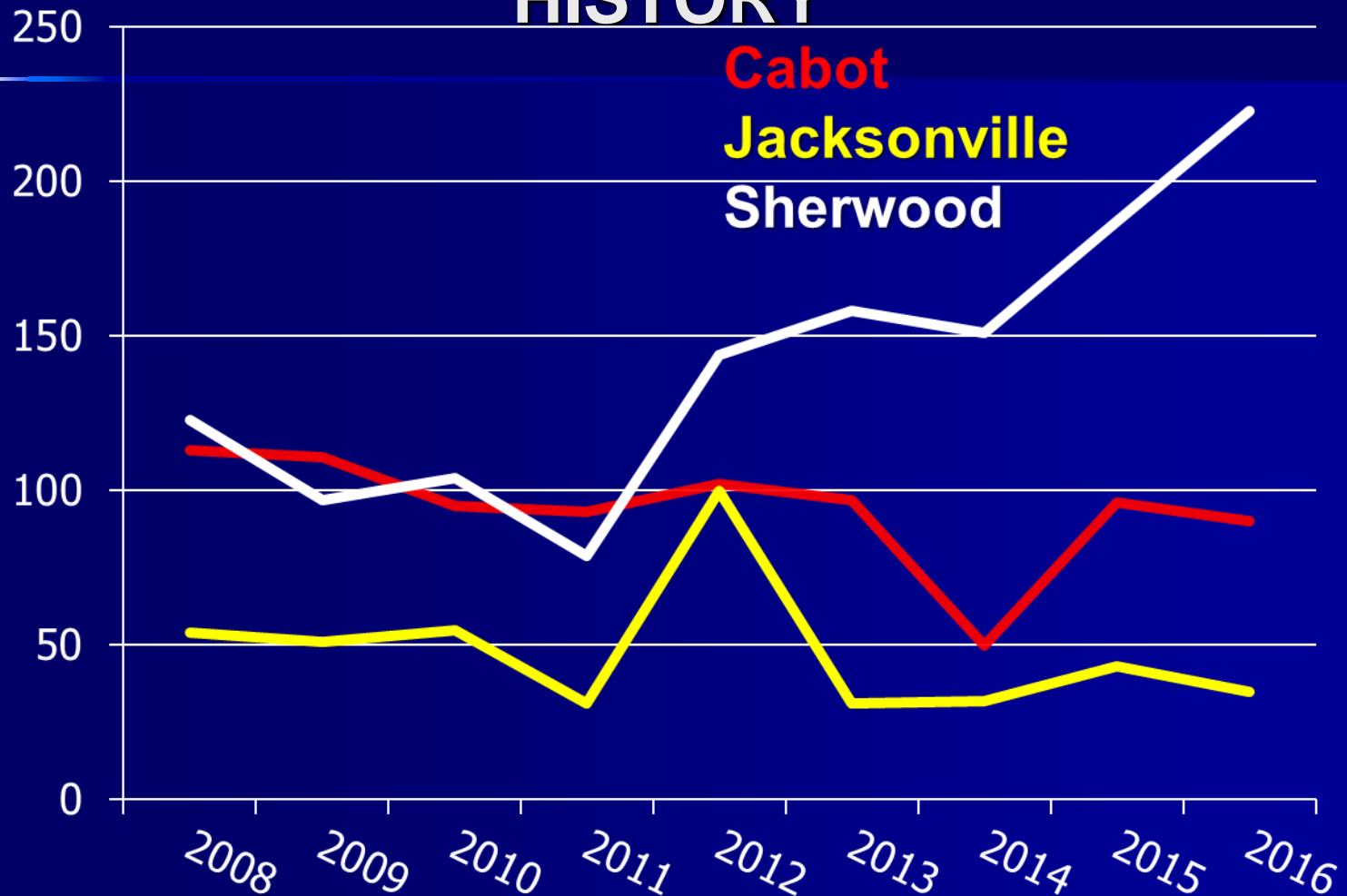


# CENTRAL ARKANSAS METROPLAN AREA SINGLE FAMILY BUILDING PERMITS HISTORY



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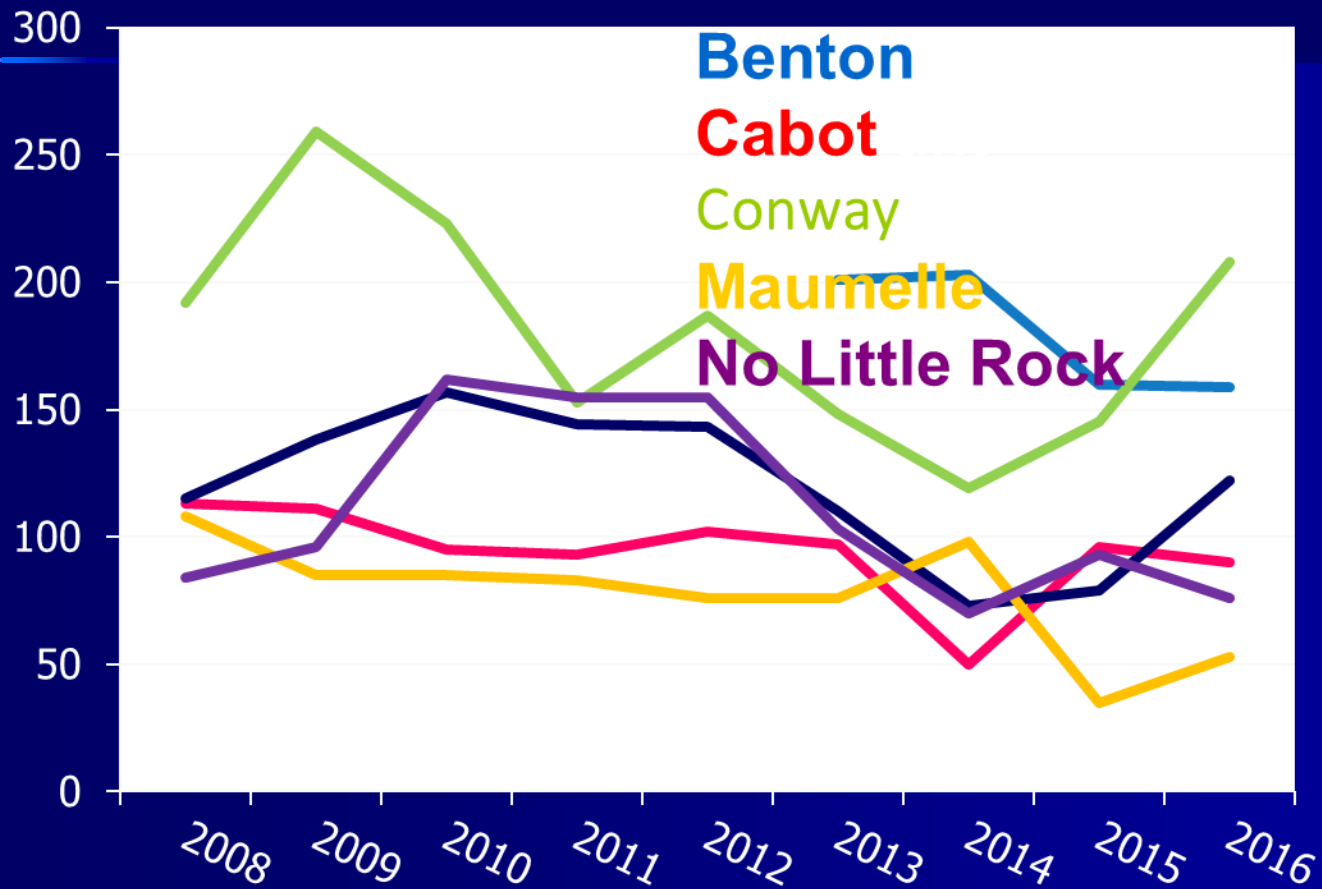
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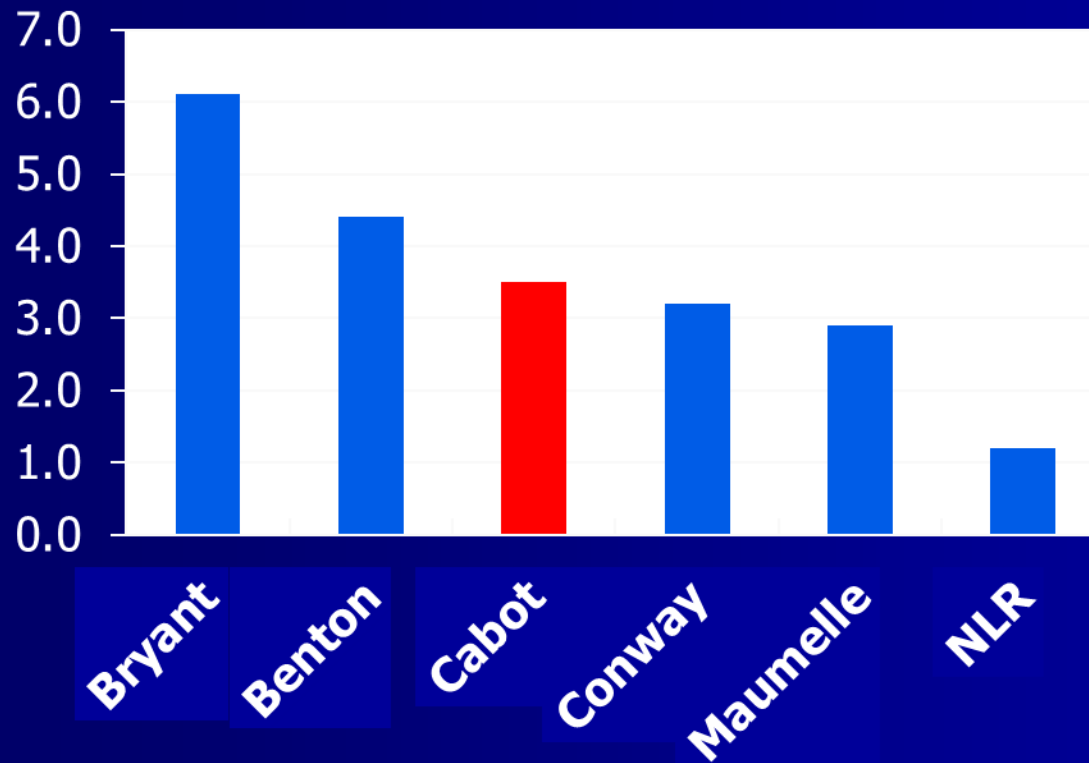


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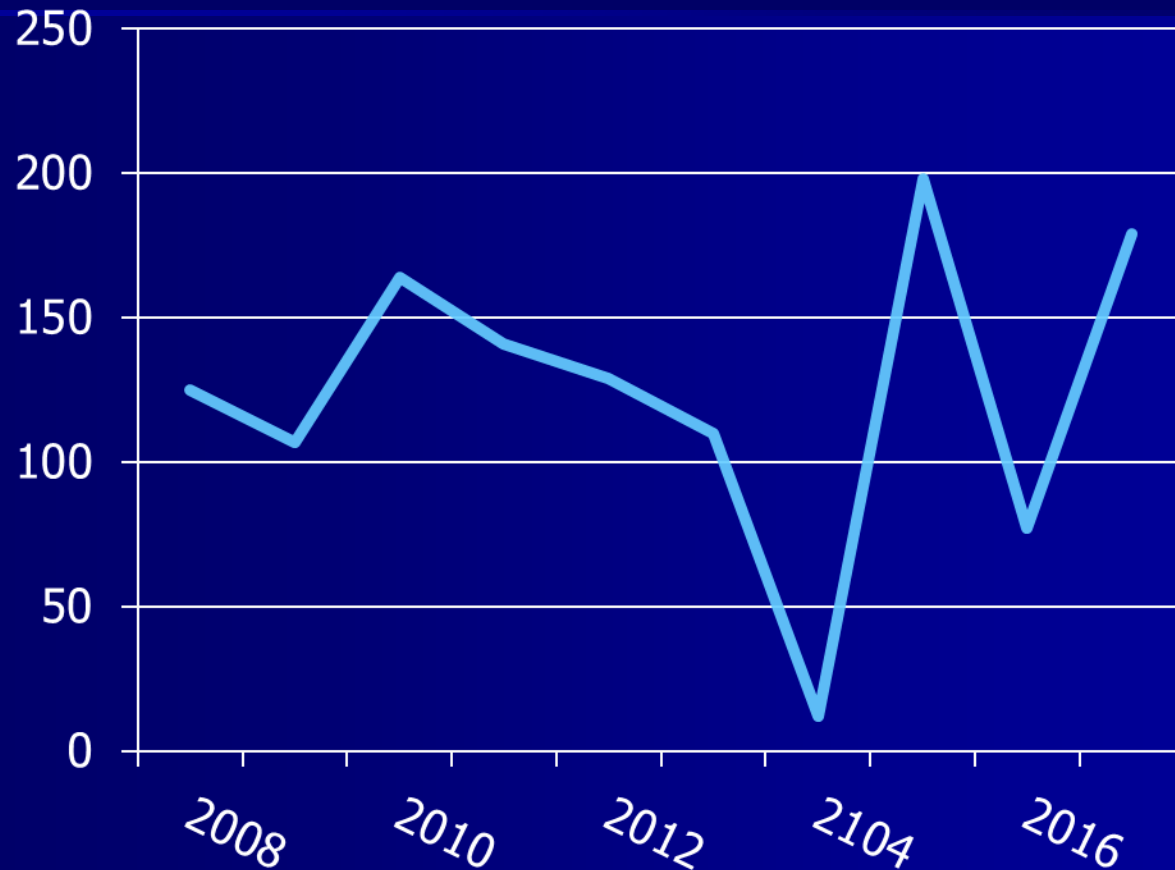


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# LOCAL SINGLE FAMILY BUILDING PERMITS HISTORY Per 1K Population



# CITY OF CABOT WATER CONNECTIONS HISTORY





# ***Parks and Recreation***

- **Cost Recovery less administrative revenue**
- ***Goal is 60%, national average is approximately 50%***
  - 2017 Actual 58.11% YTD
  - 2016 Actual 55.18%
  - 2015 Actual 51.47%
  - 2014 Actual 53.10%
  - 2013 Actual 49.19%
  - 2012 Actual 52.14%
- **Net Income**
  - 2017 Actual \$ 67,661
  - 2016 Actual \$155,658
  - 2015 Actual \$162,937
  - 2014 Actual \$ 49,010
  - 2013 Actual \$ 62,560
  - 2012 Actual \$ 38,737

# Cabot Sports Complex 2016 & 2017

- Baseball Tournaments
  - Baseball Concession up 14.49%
  - Baseball Gate up 75.33%
  - Tournament Teams up 10.48%

# Cabot Aquatic Park 2016 & 2017

- Aquatic Concessions up 2.94%
- Aquatic Gate up 10.48%
- There were seven more rain days in 2017 versus 2016
- Park includes
  - 3 water slides
  - Lazy River
  - Lap Pool
  - Kids Play Structure

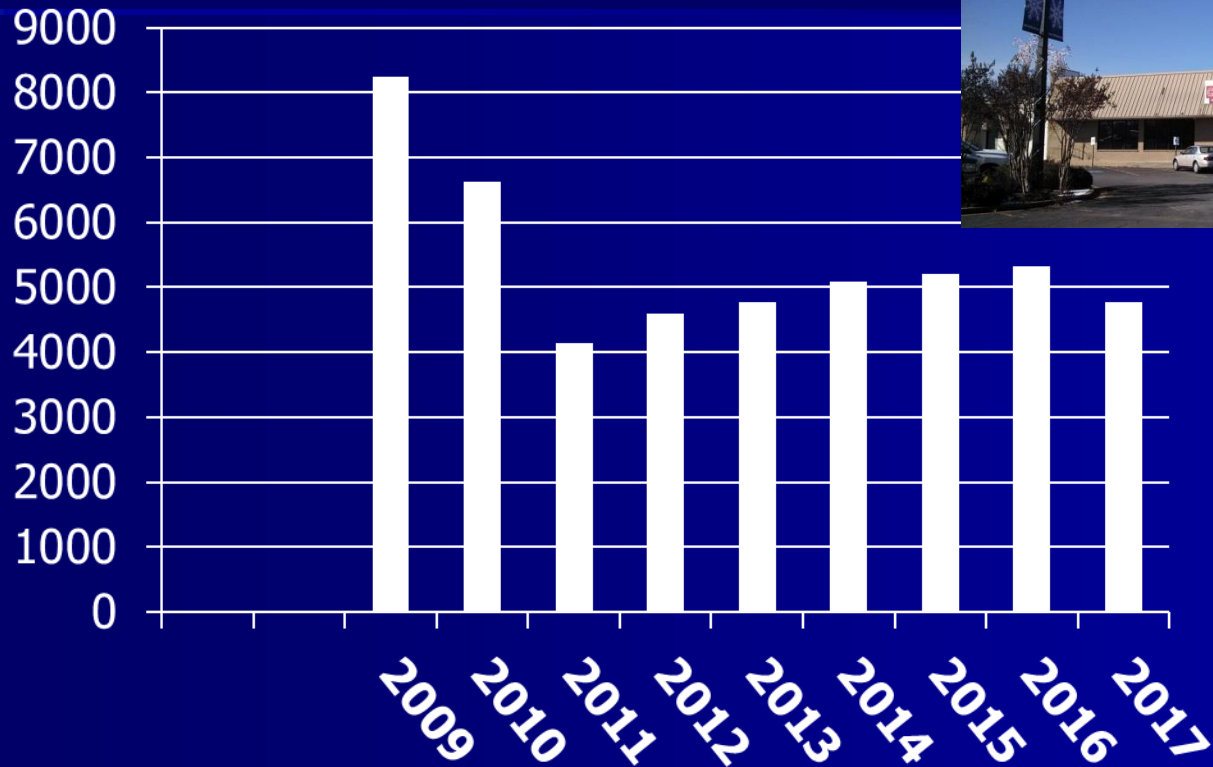


# **Cabot Veterans Park Exercise, Community, Event Center**

- **Memberships have doubled**
- **All three projects; Baseball / football, aquatic, and community center have exceeded projections for attendance and revenue and all built on time and budget**

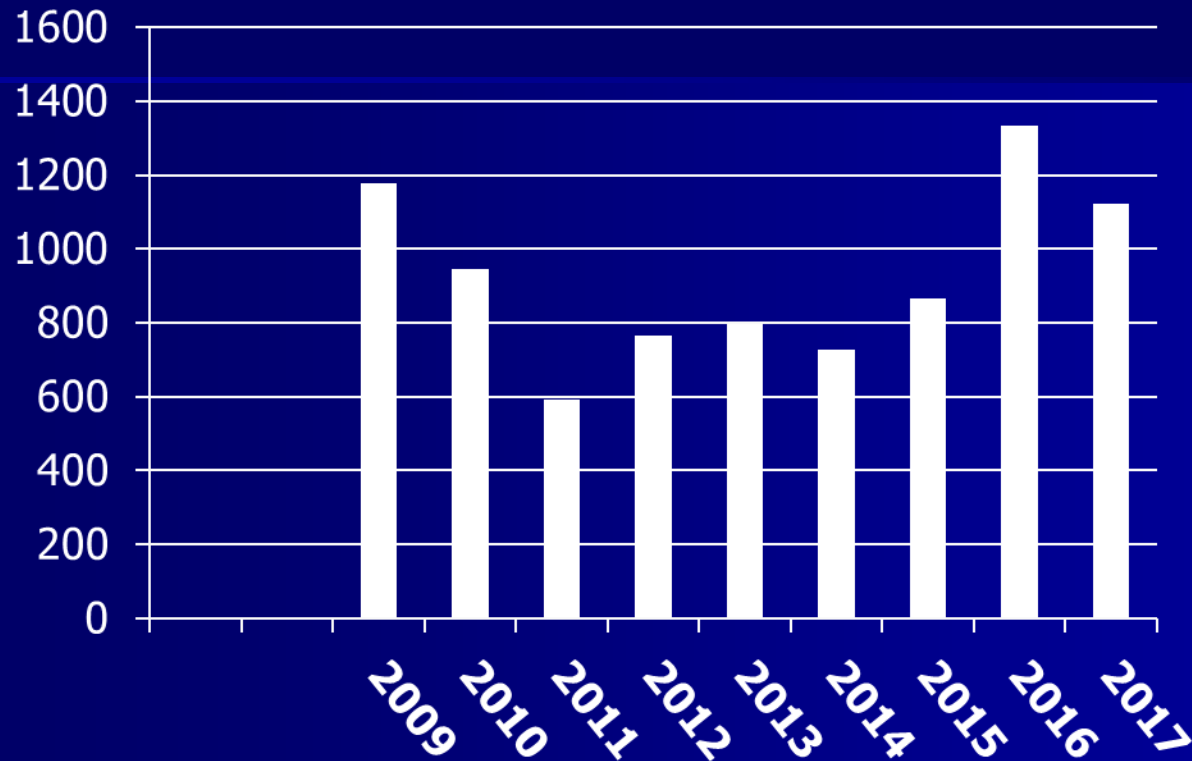
***That is called "success"!***

# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS***



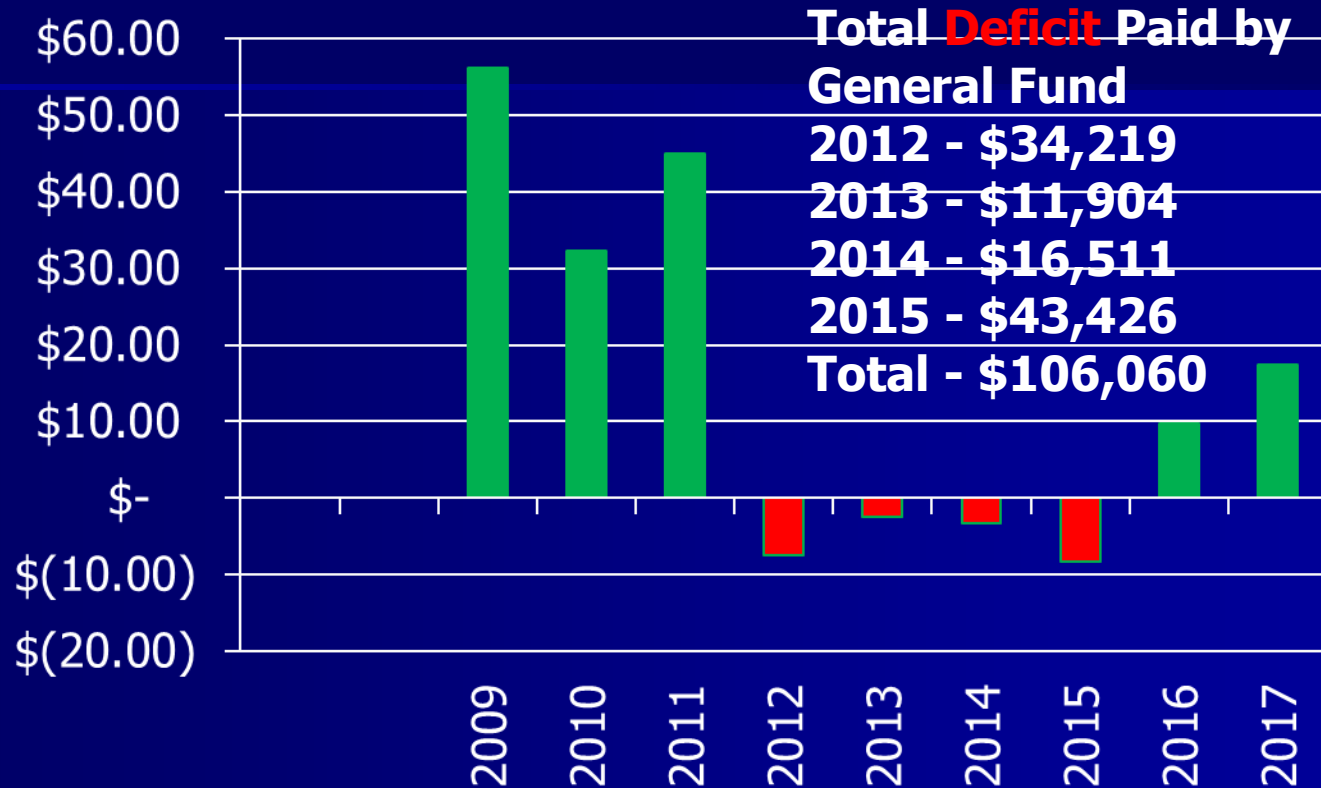
***As reported to the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts  
By the Cabot District Court***

# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT FILINGS PER STAFF***



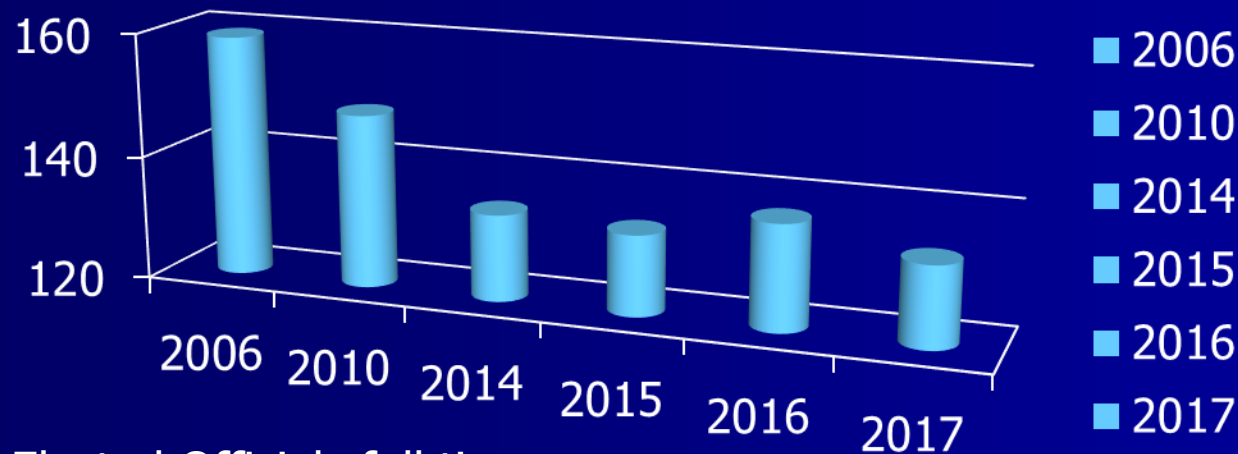
***2017 The Cabot District Court has a newly elected Judge, a new Chief Clerk, Enhanced security and support from the City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney with all offices in the City Annex  
2017 is through November***

# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT REVENUE PER FILING***



- **2012** Lonoke County, per State Statute, cut funding by \$122,102 annually
- **2012** Reduced staff from 6 to 5, **2014** increased to 6, **2016** Reduced to 4
- Filings reduced in part by technology preventing hot checks
- Filings reduced by law enforcement taking cases to other district courts or reduction in citations being written due to lack of confidence in court
  - **2017** is through November

## ***FULL TIME BUDGETED CITY EMPLOYEES***



- Four Elected Officials full time
- Two part time employees
- One seasonal employee
- ***Since 2011 six new firefighters and eight new police officers have been added***



# Number of Citizens per Full Time Employee

Hot Springs	35,635	624	57.11
W. Memphis	25,052	400	62.63
North Little Rock	66,504	850	78.24
Springdale	77,859	950	81.96
Fort Smith	88,194	950	92.84
Bentonville	44,499	440	101.13
Searcy	24,196	238	101.66
Sherwood	30,517	300	101.72
Little Rock	197,992	1,903	104.04
Jacksonville	28,643	275	104.16
Fayetteville	82,830	789	104.98
Bryant	19,986	190	105.19
Pine Bluff	44,772	420	106.60
Maumelle	17,931	153	117.20
<b>AVERAGE</b>			<b>119.63</b>
Texarkana	30,353	239	127.00
Conway	64,980	500	129.96
Rogers	63,159	485	130.22
Jonesboro	73,907	545	135.61
<b>Cabot</b>	<b>25,587</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>136.83</b>
Benton	34,177	232	147.31
Russellville	29,166	188	155.14
Paragould	27,900	172	162.21
Bella Vista	27,688	152	182.16
	Number of Citizens	Number of Full Time Employees	Number of Citizens per Full Time Employee
Population is the latest estimate 2015 US Census Bureau			
Employees includes full time city, utilities, and parks and recreation, federal government does not include military			

# Population Growth

## 2010 Census to Latest Current Estimates

Pine Bluff	44,772	49083	-8.78%
W. Memphis	25,052	26245	-4.55%
Jacksonville	28,643	28364	0.98%
Hot Springs	35,635	35193	1.26%
Texarkana	30353	29919	1.45%
Fort Smith	88,194	86209	2.30%
Little Rock	197,992	193524	2.31%
Sherwood	30,517	29523	3.37%
Bella Vista	27,688	26641	3.93%
Russellville	29,166	27920	4.46%
Maumelle	17,931	17163	4.47%
Searcy	24,196	22858	5.85%
North Little Rock	66,504	62304	6.74%
Paragould	27,900	26113	6.84%
<b>Cabot</b>	<b>25,587</b>	<b>23776</b>	<b>7.62%</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>8.64%</b>
Jonesboro	73,907	67263	9.88%
Conway	64,980	58908	10.31%
Benton	34,177	30681	11.39%
Springdale	77,859	69797	11.55%
Fayetteville	82,830	73580	12.57%
Rogers	63,159	55964	12.86%
Bryant	19,986	16688	19.76%
Bentonville	44,499	35301	26.06%
	Current	2010 Census	
Arkansas	2,988,248	2,915,918	2.48%
USA	323,127,513	308,745,538	4.66%

Population is the latest estimate 2015 US Census Bureau

# Demographics

Population Group	Median Household Income	Persons in Poverty	Education High School or Higher	Persons without Health Ins	Median Housing Value	Veterans
Cabot, Arkansas	\$ 57,790	11.4%	92.4%	8.7%	\$ 143,100	3,089
Little Rock, Ark	\$ 46,085	17.8%	90.7%	13.8%	\$ 153,500	12,335
State of Arkansas	\$ 41,371	19.1%	84.8%	14.2%	\$ 111,400	220,953
United States	\$ 53,889	13.5%	86.7%	13.0%	\$ 178,600	20,108,322

US Census Bureau Estimates 2015

## **Economic Advantages of the city are:**

- ***Long term transportation vision and improvement plan  
with METROPLAN responsible for the area's transportation  
planning process under federal law, plan is on website homepage***
- ***Long term water and wastewater capacity through at least 2080***
- ***Friendly city planning, permitting, and doing business with city***
- ***Quality of life for residents promotes growth for the city***
- ***Professional and educated labor force***
- ***Growing population***
- ***Pro business environment***
- ***Close to all modes of transportation and readily accessible to  
I40 and I30 and Future I57***
- ***Cabot city government operates annually on a balanced budget  
as well as the State of Arkansas***
- ***Local economy fueled by residential and commercial  
construction and expanding retail for a growing trade area***
- ***In the spring strawberry farming with an annual  
"StrawberryFest" in the spring***
  - ***"CabotFest in the fall***
- ***Strategic planning focuses on quality of life, community and  
infrastructure development***

# POSITIVE FACTS



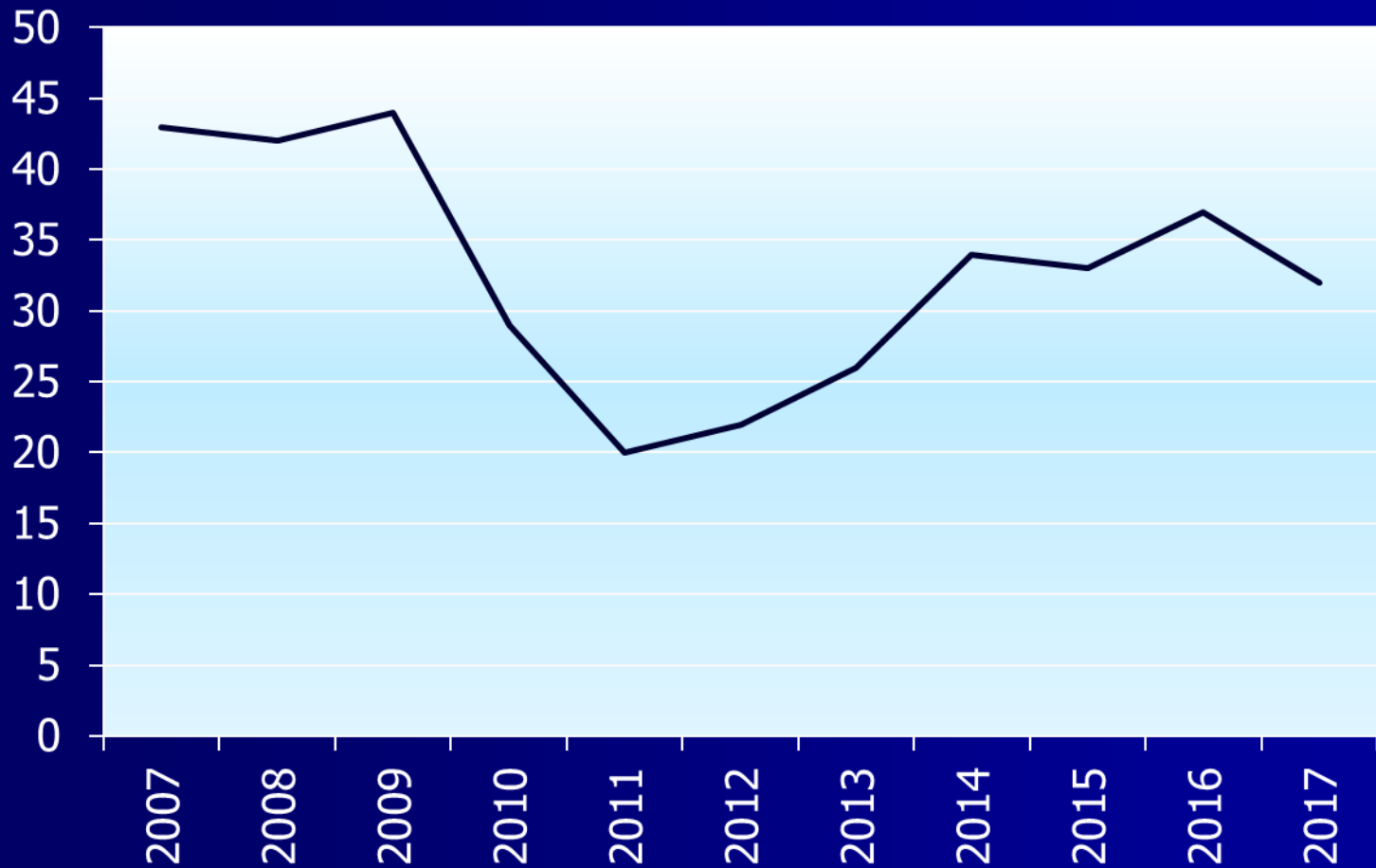
*High School, Football  
Stadium and Basketball  
Arena*

- ❑ **School district of 10,645 students including Pre-k**
  - ❖ **7<sup>th</sup> Largest district in state and largest employer in the County**
  - ❖ **17 Campuses with 22 languages spoken by students**
  - ❖ **The large school district attracts retiring grandparents**
  - ❖ **Cabot school athletics consists of 81 teams in 15 sports**
  - ❖ **10 National Merit Finalists 2017**
  - ❖ **16.1 Students to teacher ratio**
    - **89 bus routes, 4,700 miles daily**
    - **10,960 Chromebooks, 1,736 computers and 995 iPads**
- **Primary and secondary trade area population 110,217**
- **School District population 42,000+**
- **425 Chamber of Commerce Members**
- **1,131 business licenses on record**
- **11,440 Water customers**
- **In top 20 of largest cities in Arkansas**
- **Second safest large city in Arkansas 2015 FBI Crime Stats**
- **Unemployment @ 3.4%**
- **Central Arkansas commuter stress index less than larger metropolitan areas**

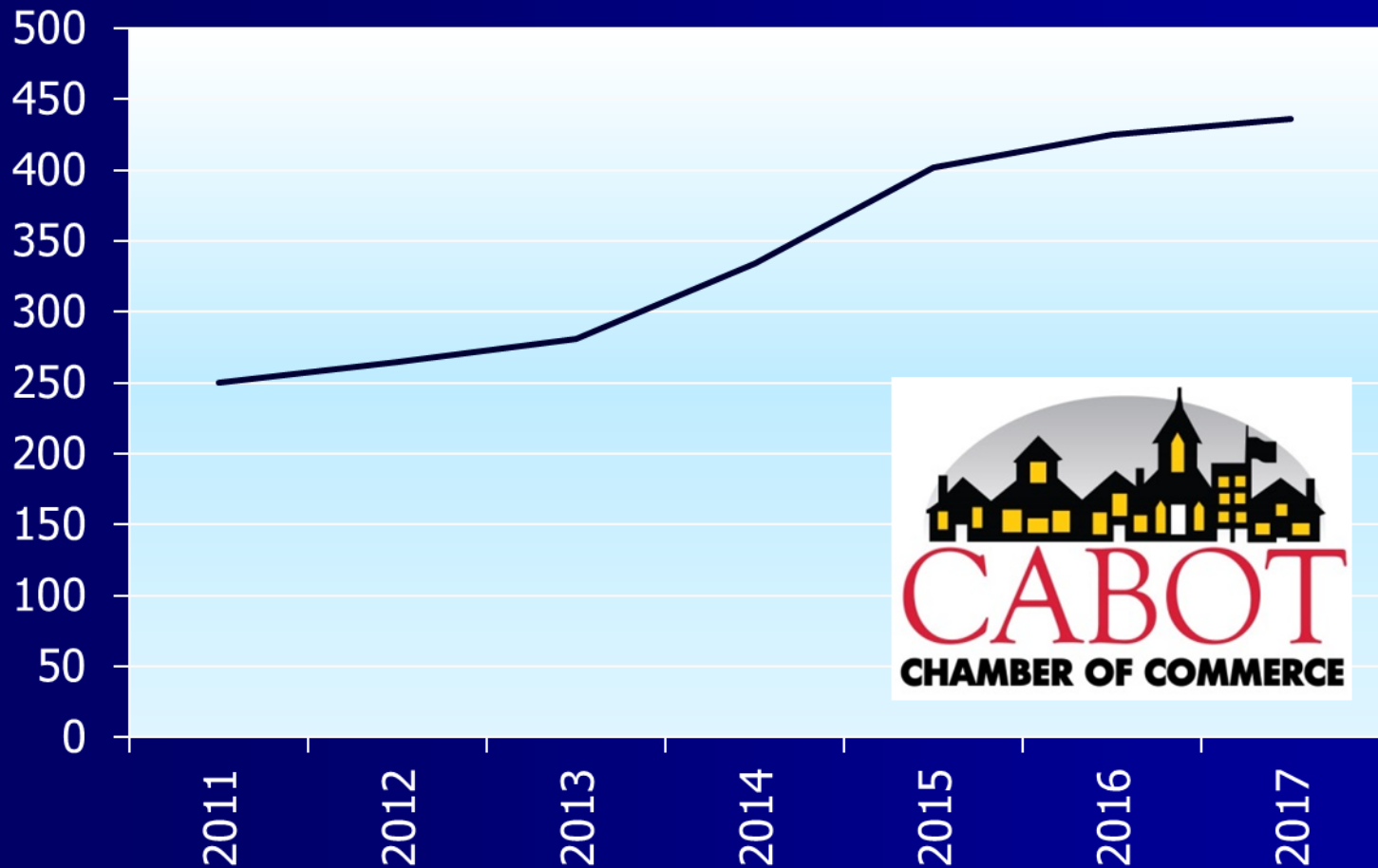




# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTINGS



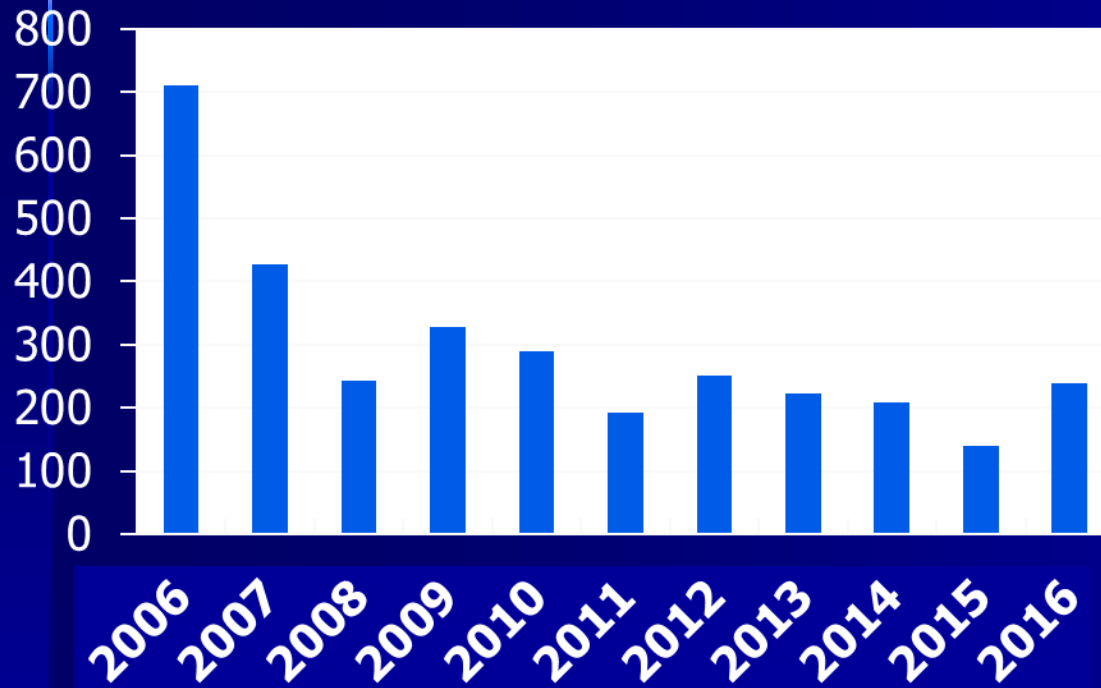
# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP



# 2017



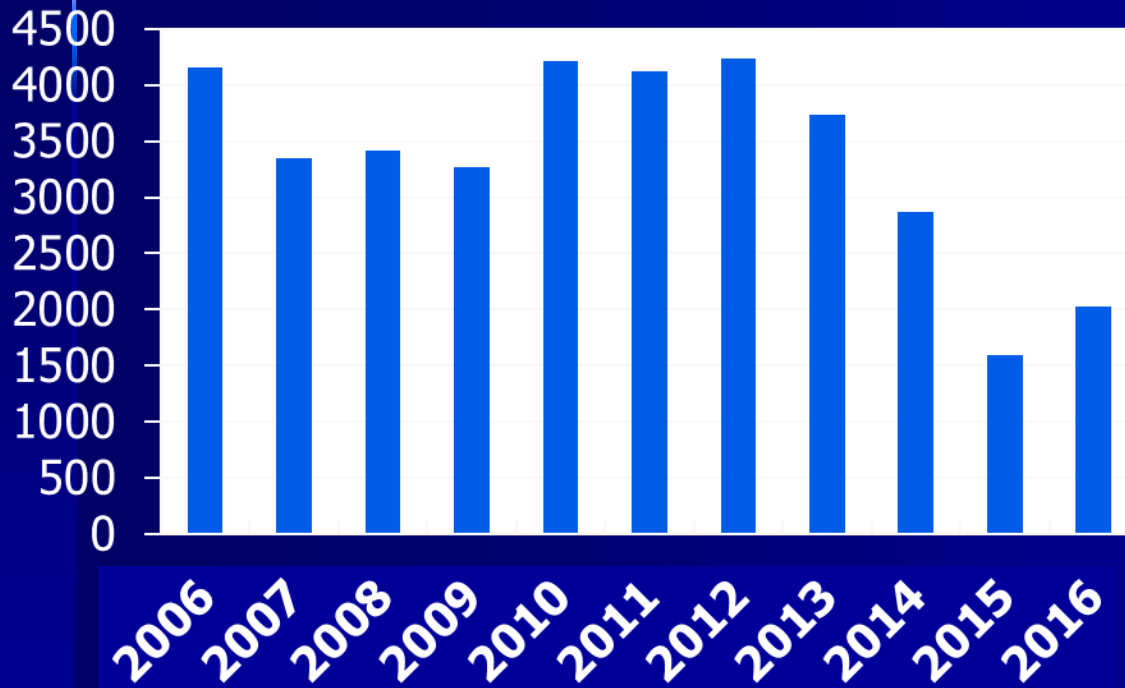
# ***Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Population***



**Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault**  
**FBI Crime Statistics reported by Cabot Police**  
**Available from FBI one year behind**



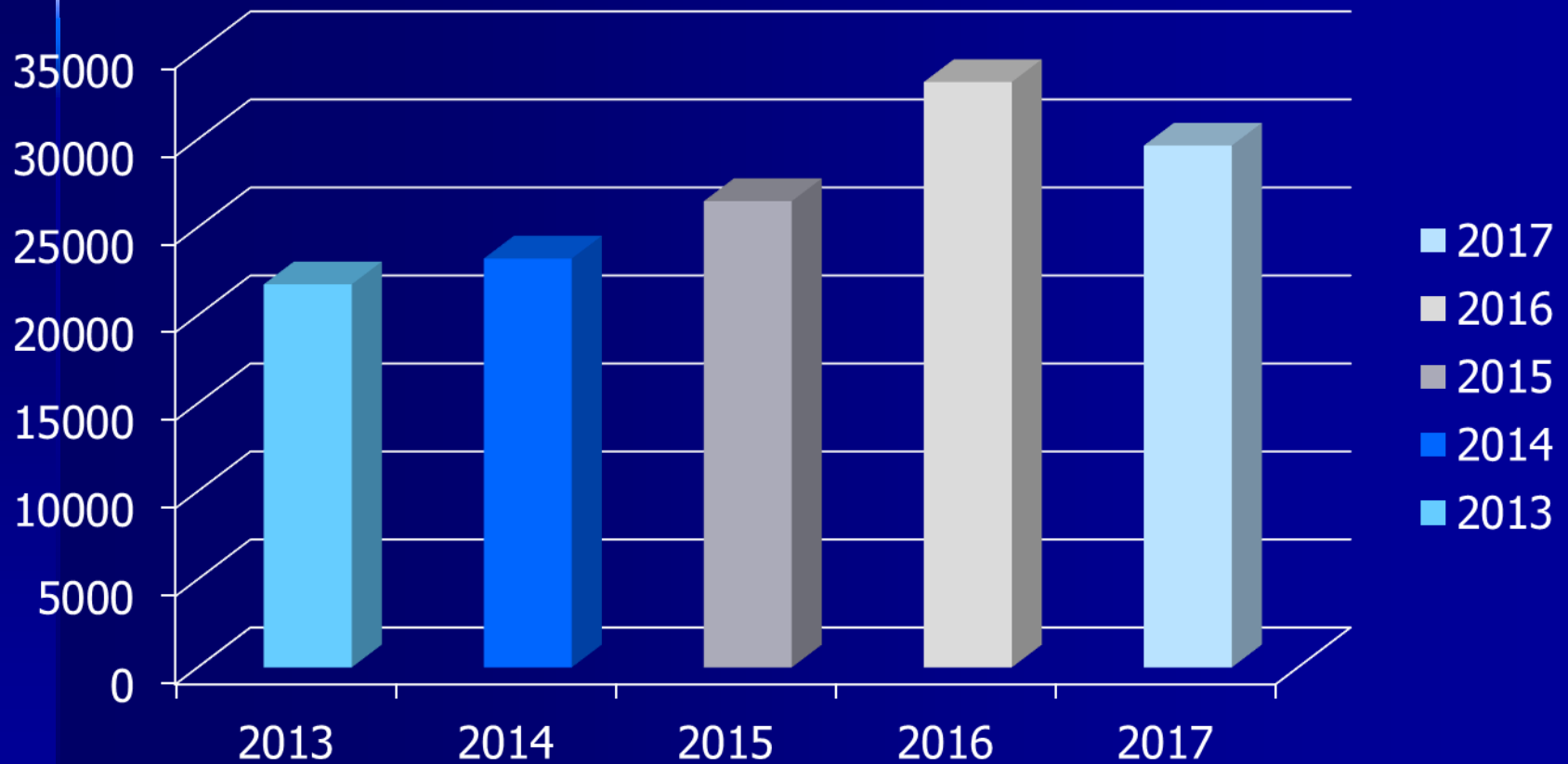
# ***Property Crime Rate per 100,000 Population***



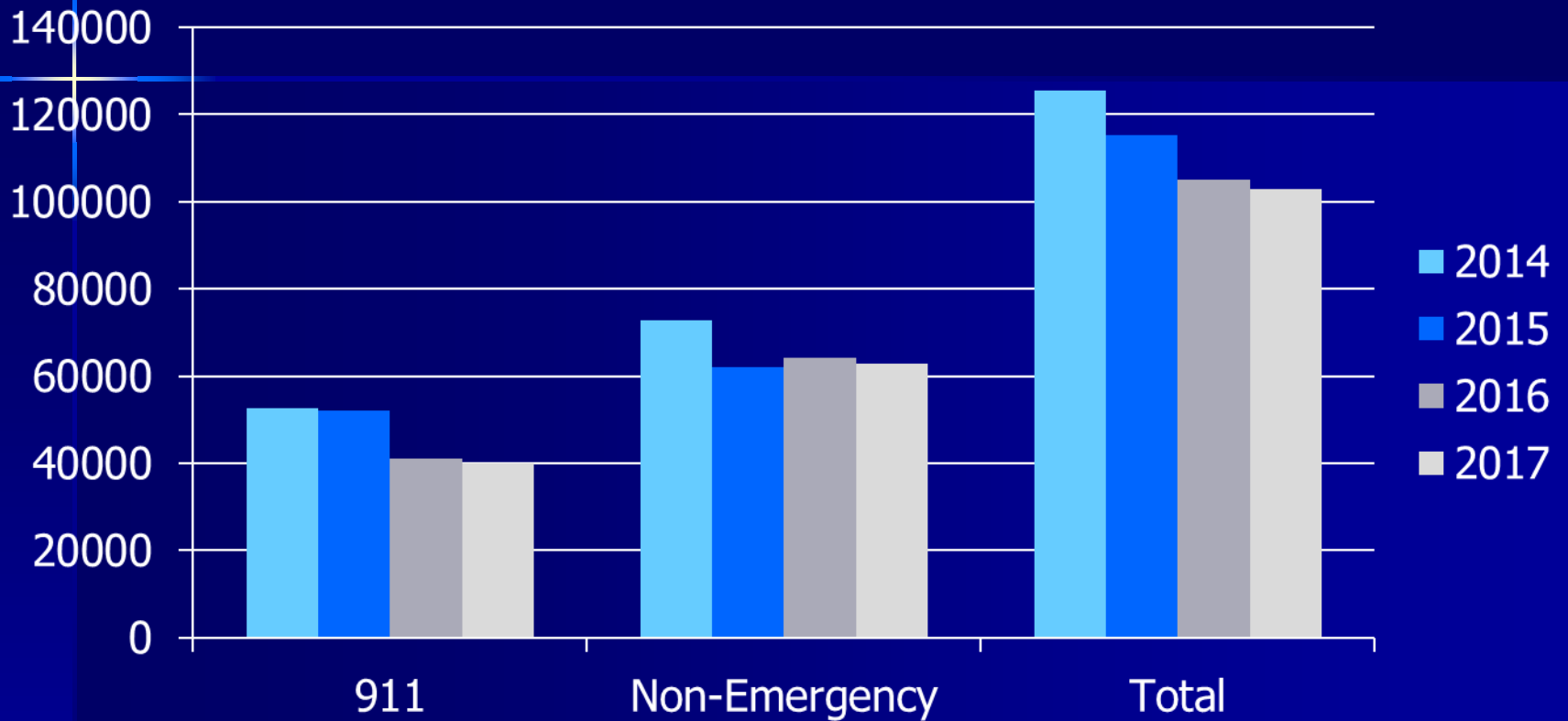
**Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson  
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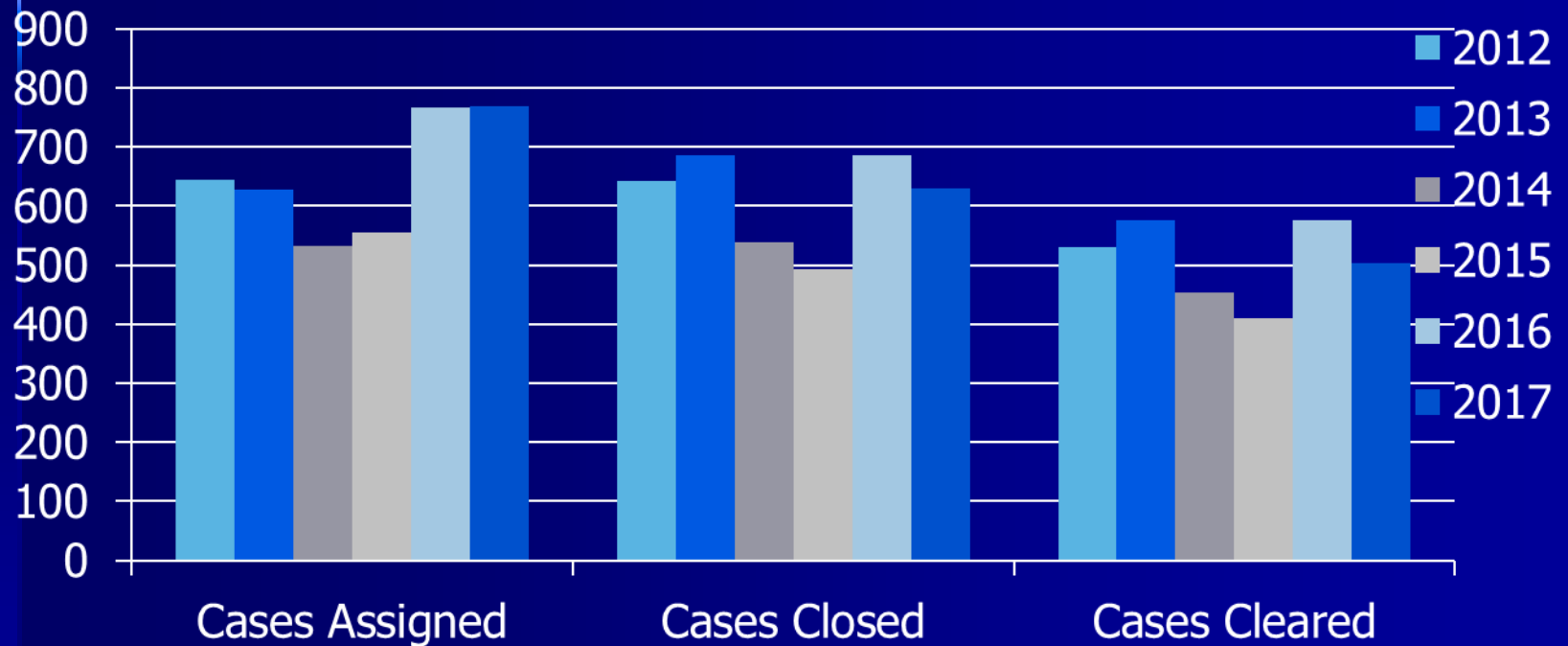
# Cabot Police Department Dispatched Calls 2013-2017



# Cabot Police Department 2014-2017 Incoming/Outgoing Calls

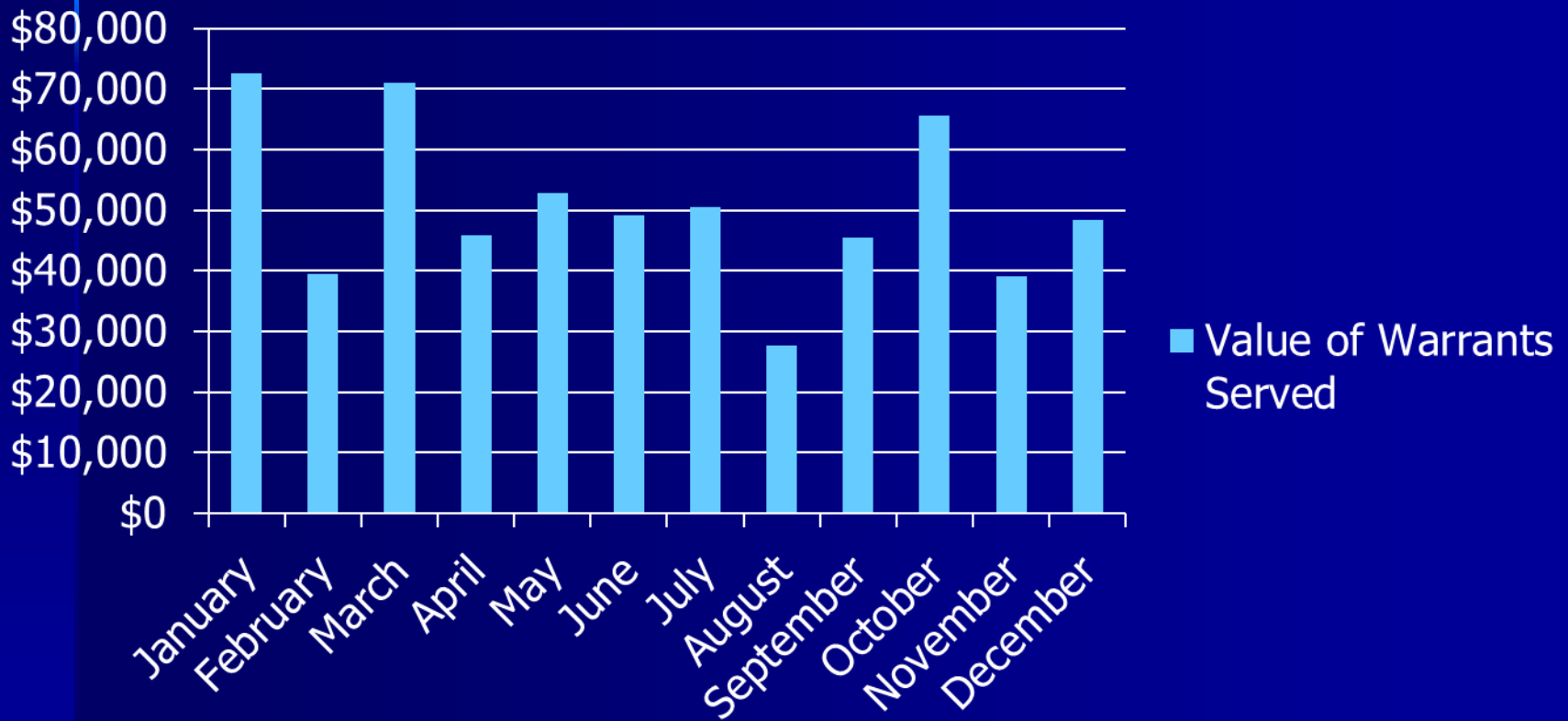


# Criminal Investigations Division 2012-2017



# CID Warrants Officer Value of Served Warrants

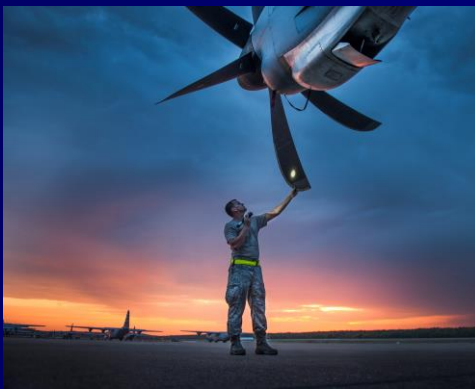
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# ASSETS



- **The LRAFB and economic impact of over three quarters of a billion to the central Arkansas economy**
  - Approximately 40% of Cabot residents connected to base
  - 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Arkansas
  - Train 1,800 C130 students annually
  - 66,000 retirees in the area that have served at the base
- **Small hometown family oriented atmosphere with big city amenities nearby**
- **One of the top BMX bike tracks in the central United States**





# ASSETS, Continued

*Water and wastewater capacity well through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- **Sound water and wastewater infrastructure with long term capacity for residential and commercial development with strategic plans and funding**
- **Environmental Protection Agency standards for water are 100%**



# **ASSETS, Continued**



- **Thirty plus evangelical church congregations in the city limits**
- **A caring, compassionate and volunteering community with pride**
- **Close proximity to recreational lakes (Greers Ferry), fishing, deer hunting, duck hunting, and world class medical facilities (UAMS)**
- **Significant annexation and development potential within Cabot WaterWorks service area**
- **Major electrical power line and substation**
- **State-of-the-art Cabot Public Library**
- **One of the best school districts in the country comparable in size per capita student**

# ASSETS, Continued



- **State-of-the-art Armory with meeting facilities and more opportunities for military connections**

**Home of 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team with team in Lonoke  
465 Arkansas Guardsman in Lonoke County with \$17,999,852 impact**

- **A trained workforce with good work ethics**
- **Pro business environment**
- **Close to higher education and technical education facilities**
- **Lonoke County Christian Clinic**
- **Automated waste pickup and curbside recycle**
- **Vibrant downtown area**

# ASSETS, Continued

- **Located on future planned interstate route (I 57) to St Louis**
- **Immediately adjacent to the Little Rock metro and central Arkansas areas that have a great deal of potential for commercial expansion due to out of state firms looking for friendly tax structures, good business environments, and high quality of life for employees**
  - Central Arkansas is listed in Kiplinger's most recent "10 Great Places to Live" as #1
  - Moody's Investor Service has rated Central Arkansas as the second most-diverse economy in the nation, just a tad behind Chicago
  - Brookings Institution 4<sup>th</sup> Strongest Economy in the Nation
  - Editor's choice Outside Magazine as a great area for healthy lifestyle
  - Forbes.com 7<sup>th</sup> Best Place for Jobs in the Nation
  - Forbes Magazine 2<sup>nd</sup> least toxic area
  - Gallup 6<sup>th</sup> happiest area
  - Kiplinger 7<sup>th</sup> best value area
  - The Daily Beast and Manpower Employment Outlook Survey 10<sup>th</sup> Best area for recent college graduates
  - Cabot in Arkansas top 10 Healthiest Housing Markets
  - The Wall Street Journal 6<sup>th</sup> Best Real Estate Market in America
  - ZIPPIA 7<sup>th</sup> Smartest City in Arkansas based on college education and high school dropouts



# ASSETS, Continued



- **A broad base of community support and involvement in youth sports and other diverse recreational and community activities such as the Cabot Community Theatre and Skate Park**
- **Potential for significant expansion of rooftops and commercial ventures due to population projected to double by 2050**
- **Semi-annual community clean-ups and annual hazardous waste collection**
- **A community that handles diversity hospitably with courtesy and cordiality**



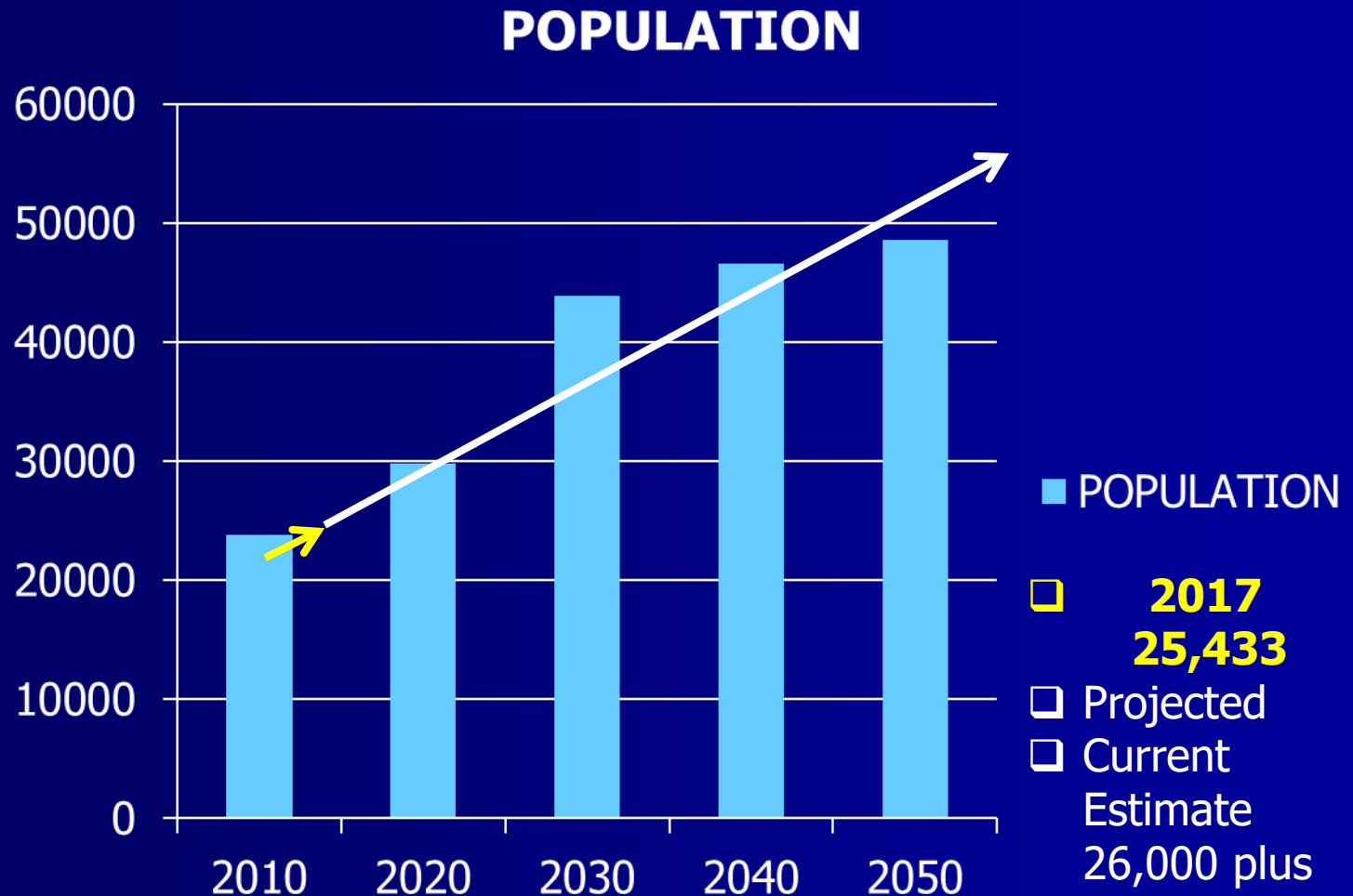
# ASSETS, Continued



- Home of a 32 lane state-of-the-art family bowling facility
- Dual railroad for potential future mass transportation to Little Rock Metro area and rail spur opportunities
- Near both a national and regional airport with ILS and large jet runways
- Two different major roadways to Little Rock Metro Area
- Rail spur availability for industry, manufacturing, trucking, etc.
- A retail and business environment that encourages entrepreneurship
- The City of Cabot annually operates under a balanced budget as does State Government in Arkansas
- Cabot Community Dinner Theatre with periodic regional level productions



# POPULATION PROJECTIONS METROPLAN





# ASSETS, Continued

- CabotFest
- StrawberryFest
- Fourth of July Patriotic Fireworks Event
- Christmas in Cabot Celebration



# ASSETS, Continued



- **1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Rick Crawford maintains constituent office**
- **State-of-the-art Cabot Public Health Unit**
- **Arkansas State University at Beebe with a campus at the LRAFB and on the Cabot public school campus**
- **One of the top fastest growing cities in Arkansas**
- **Local medical express facilities providing physician-led, treatment for illnesses, injuries, employer services, and basic wellness and preventative health care, around the clock emergency services and hospital facility being worked on**
- **Near major clay targets sports facilities, Jacksonville and Remington arms**



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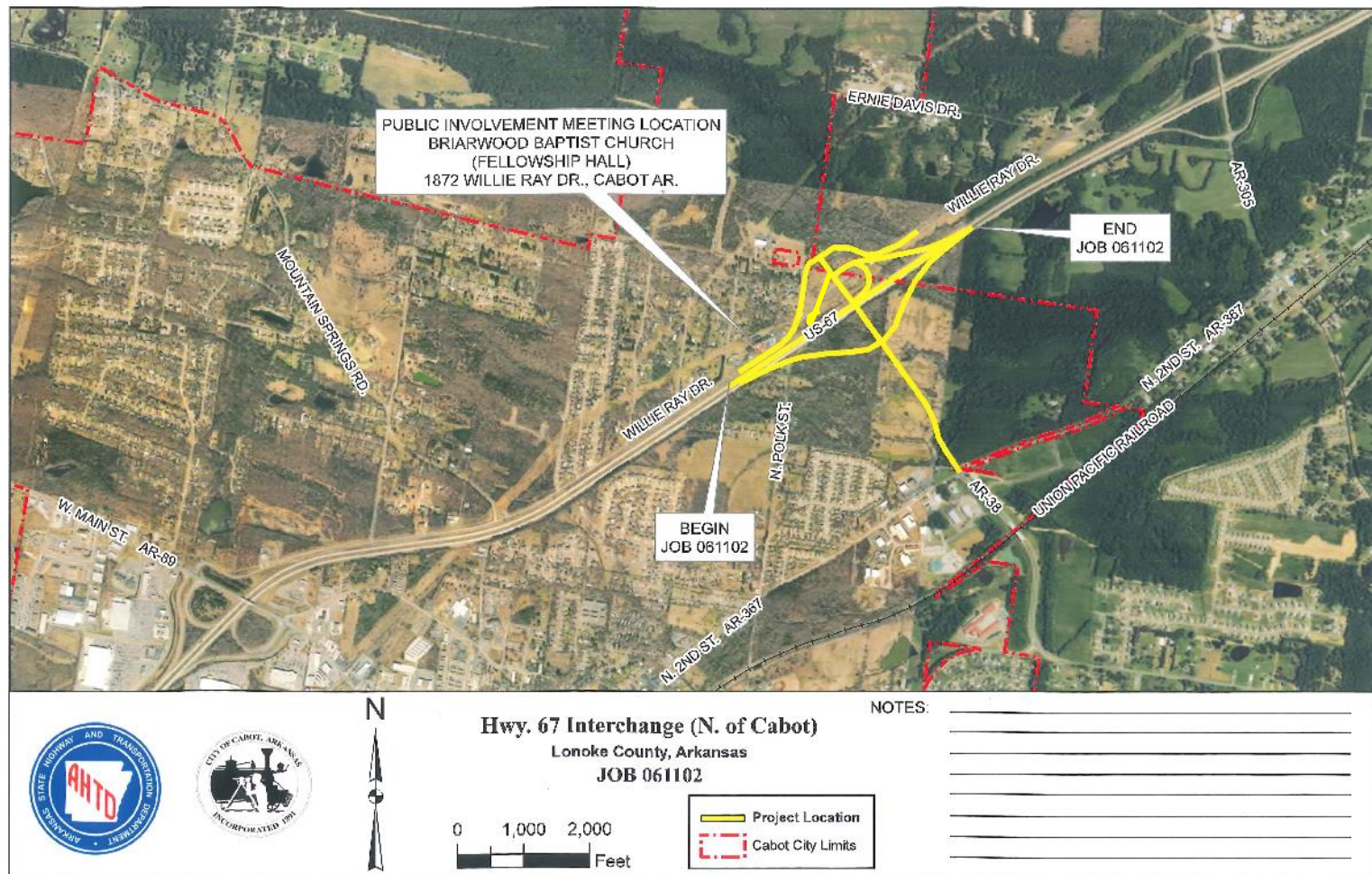
- **Progressive Animal Services with low cost shot clinics, and adoption events all year long with mobile adoption unit**
- **Very low euthanasia rate 1.8% 2017**



# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **North Cabot Interchange will be complete 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018, a game changer for improved traffic flow**
- **New Cabot Public Library completed with phenomenal success**
- **Construction of wastewater collection system improvements complete with significant annual O & M savings by eliminating eleven lift stations with substantial ROI**
- **Baseball and football sports complex, softball field expansion and upgrades, and aquatic complex complete and in operation with left turn lanes on SH 321 at no cost to city by AHTD**
- **New event center, renovated community center and exercise facility and safe room complete and widely used**
- **Kerr Station Drainage Improvement Project with three new bridges on Kerr Station Road, Central Elementary Detention Pond completed eliminating water in heated and cooled space as well as garage and storage**
- **Purchased two new Fire Trucks**
- **Highlands Drainage Improvements complete**
- **Enhanced senior citizen programs and services at a renovated Senior center with dining and kitchen facilities to be complete mid year 2017**

# North Cabot Interchange Construction 2017 to 2018





# **Cabot Public Library**

## **In Operation and growing dynamically**



# Cabot Public Library



# Cabot Public Library

## Statistics 2012 - 2017

Statistics	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Circulation	145,299	132,623	232,701	234,041	317,534	285,733
Computer Usage	16,477	13,568	11,942	11,475	18,703	16,890
Reference Questions	8,944	10,268	17,325	32,643	90,840	96,531
Registrations	2,655	1,876	1,530	2,390	10,562	14,830
Total # of Programs	302	102	158	422	1,260	1,336
Total # of Program Attendance	1,897	3,796	5,826	9,421	24,452	22,055
Virtual Visits (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	Statistics Not Kept Prior to 2016	Statistics Not Kept Prior to 2016	Statistics Not Kept Prior to 2016	Statistics Not Kept Prior to 2016	337,449	288,312
Visits (Physical)	54,913	70,614	63,690	80,833	107,078	110,159
Volunteer Hours	111.50	182.50	593.30	1,504.50	2,756.25	2,439.25



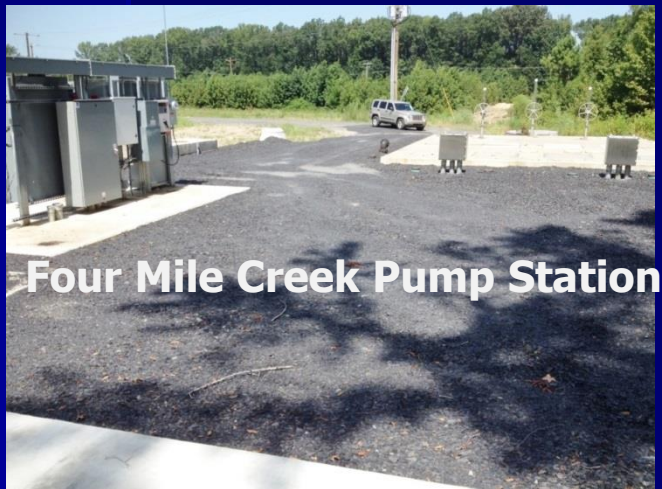
# **WasteWater Collection System Improvements Complete including Greystone gravity facility**



**New WasteWater Sludge Lagoon  
@ WasteWater Treatment Facility**



**Four Mile Creek Sleeve**



**Four Mile Creek Pump Station**



**Bore SH 321 Sports Complex**



**Gravity Line SH 321  
To Treatment Facility**



# **Cabot Sports Complex**

**Includes baseball and football fields**  
**Open May 2, 2016**  
**Softball at Allman / Bevis Complete**



# **Cabot Sports Complex**

**Includes baseball, softball, and football fields**  
**Open May 2, 2016**





# Cabot Aquatic Complex

## Open May 26, 2016



# **New Event Center with Safe Room Complete 02/09/2017**

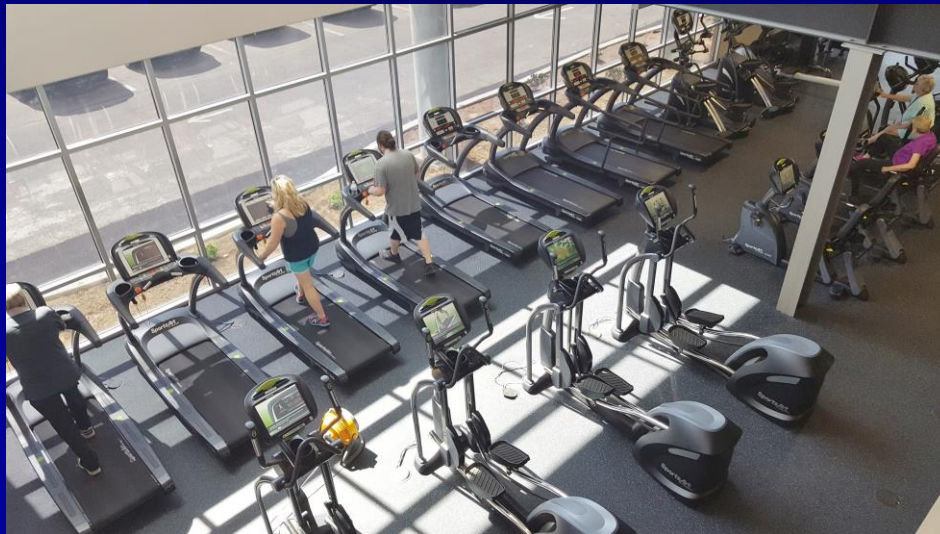




# New Event Center with Safe Room for 250 Complete 02/09/2017

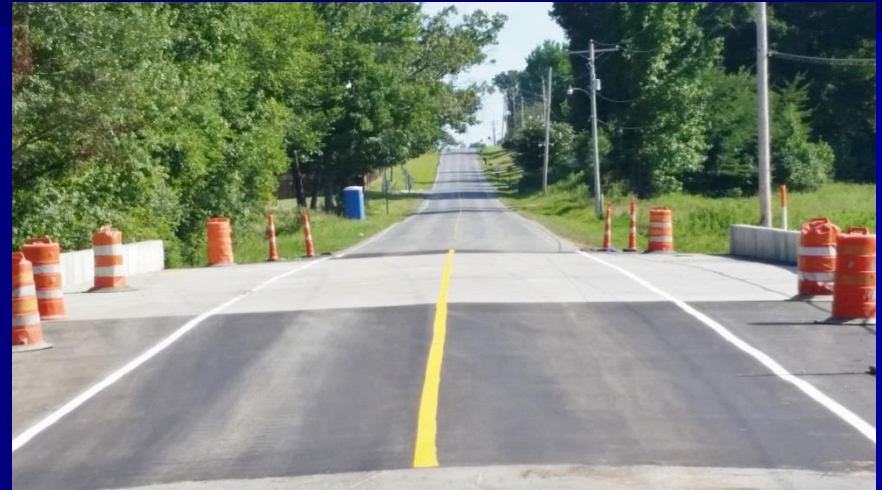


# New Exercise Facility with Enhancements to Community Center





# Kerr Station Drainage System Improvements with Three New Bridges on Kerr Station Road with provisions for sidewalks



# New Pumper Fire Trucks







# THE FUTURE FOR CABOT, ARKANSAS



*Very positive and bright!*

*Cabot 2018 and beyond strategic planning in detail is listed  
In the "Strategic Planning Infrastructure and Community  
Development" Report on the web site*

# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2018 *Forward***



- ❖ **Additional projects will be initiated by the “Community and Economic Development” partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and a “Cabot, Arkansas Trade Area Profile Summary” which will be on the web site for world wide availability**
- ❖ **Multimillion Dollar Street Overlay Projects that will continue through 2023 with grants, state turnback funding, and potential sales and use tax refunding and bond improvements**
- ❖ **Multimillion Dollar Sidewalk Projects that will continue through 2023 with grants, state turnback funding, and potential sales and use tax refunding and bond improvements**
- ❖ **Traffic Signal Network connectivity and “Real Time” Traffic Management with grants in hand complete in 2019**
- ❖ **StreetScape 10th Street to Exit 19, phase 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grant funding obtained and targeted for completion early 2018**
- ❖ **Continued expansion of roundabouts, turn lanes, and traffic signals to facilitate traffic flow**
- ❖ **Continued expansion of sidewalks and safe routes to school, Walkable Cabot 2016, as well as pedestrian signals and crosswalks, First Street Expansion toward downtown complete in early 2018**
- ❖ **Continued support of expansion of high speed fiber optic and Wi-Fi networks**

# **Strategic Street and Drainage Infrastructure Funding Needs 2018 - 2022**

- ❖ **\$ 7,608,545 Regular Street and Drainage**
- ❖ **\$ 2,537,030 Street Excavating and Repair**
- ❖ **\$ 8,229,718 Street Overlays**
- ❖ **\$18,375,293 Grand Total**
- ❖ **\$11,022,681 Projected Turnback Funding Available**
- ❖ **\$ 7,352,612 Funding needed**

**The city basically did not adequately address street reinvestment through 2010 and catching up will be a significant investment!**

# Strategic Funding Plan for Overlays

- ❖ 2018 Planned Overlays – 3.05 miles \$324,050
- ❖ ~~2019~~ Planned Overlays – 4.88 miles \$518,829
- ❖ 2020 Planned Overlays – 4.98 miles \$529,002
- ❖ 2021 Planned Overlays – 5.06 miles \$539,175
- ❖ 2022 and Beyond Planned Overlays – 53.1 miles \$6,318,662
- ❖ Total Overlay Program - 71.1 miles \$8,229,718
- ❖ It is anticipated that in the 2021 time frame, the city should be able to consider **SALES AND USE TAX REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS** to provide funding for capital projects such as overlays, street improvements, and sidewalks as well as community and economic development, voted on by the residents
- ❖ The remaining 53.1 miles of overlays needed would be bond funded or \$6,318,662 by this initiative starting in 2022 and concluding in 2023 / 2024

**Note – Above numbers include projected inflation and economy of scale of bidding out larger jobs, particularly the one large job funded by bond funding**

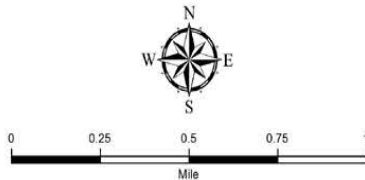


# Walkable Cabot

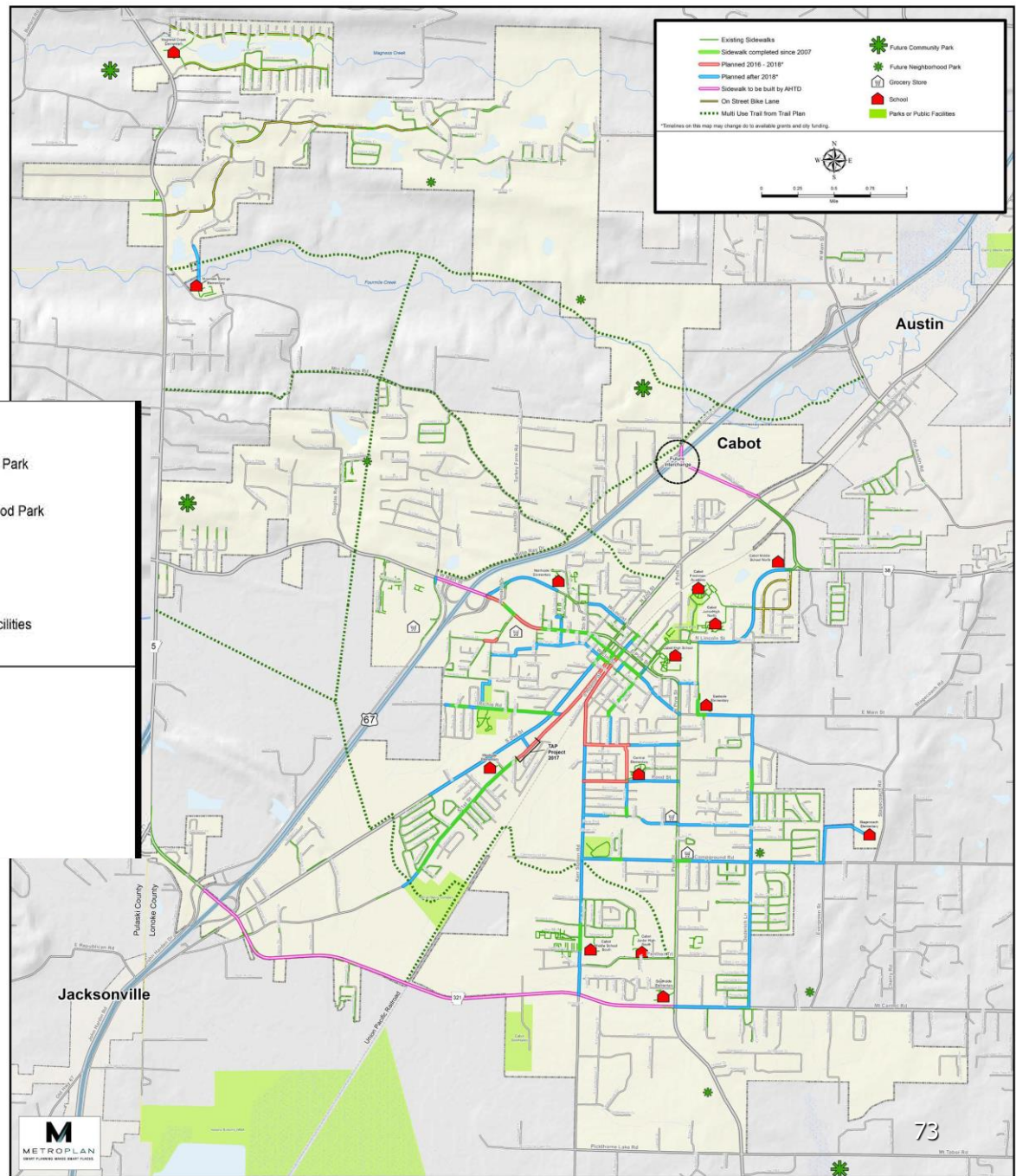
## 2016

### Initiated 2007

- Existing Sidewalks
- Sidewalk completed since 2007
- Planned 2016 - 2018\*
- Planned after 2018\*
- Sidewalk to be built by AHTD
- On Street Bike Lane
- Multi Use Trail from Trail Plan
- Future Community Park
- Future Neighborhood Park
- Grocery Store
- School
- Parks or Public Facilities



\*Timelines on this map may change do to available grants and city funding.





# ***Walkable Cabot 2016***

- **Resolution #24 of 2007 Walkable Cabot 2007, vote 6 – 0**
- **Resolution #29 of 2016 Walkable Cabot 2016, vote 8 - 0**
- **Cabot Master Street Plan Ordinance #7 of 2017, vote 8 – 0**
  - **Required on one side of roadway, residential and commercial**
  - **Minimum width of 5 feet**
  - **Must be compatible with ADA**
  - **Not required 1 acre or more lots by UDC Code**
  - **Not required on dead-end streets less than 750 feet in length by UDC Code**
  - **The Cabot Public School District will provide transportation to any student in the city limits**

# ***Walkable Cabot***

## ***2016 Current Status***

- **56 Miles or 32% Sidewalks built**
  - **\$672,755 invested since 2013**
  - **Sidewalks on both sides of Main Street Downtown to 10<sup>th</sup> Street**
- **18 Miles or 10% 2018 – 2019 & after**
- **62 Miles or 35% Not required by UDC Code**
- **41 Miles or 23% Planned Longer term per Walkable Cabot 2016**
  - Projected cost \$9,525,120**
- **Average Cost for sidewalks per foot \$44**
- **Annual funding available Grants \$127,017, County Millage \$135,000**
- **Total of \$262, 017, longer term with sales and use tax refunding and bond improvements**
- **Any cost of easements not included in the above cost and the city has had to abandon plans because residents did not want to grant an easement**
- **Currently 5.5 Miles of on street bike lanes with more planned**
- **21.5 Miles of multi use trails planned on Walkable Cabot 2016 in concert with Parks and Recreation**

# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2018 *Forward***



- ❖ **Implementation of Master Parks and Recreation strategic plans**
  - **Five to ten new neighborhood parks and three new large community parks with standard parks amenities, a new indoor recreation and aquatics facility, new soccer, baseball, softball fields, and new senior aquatics facility**
  - **Expansion of amenities and walking trails at the Lonoke County Regional Park owned by the city and home of the BMX track**
  - **Expansion of walking trails with connectivity around the city**
  - **An expanded variety of programs to meet a wider range of age groups and interests**

# CABOT, ARKANSAS

## 2018 – *Forward* Continued



- ❑ Ongoing beautification projects continuing along the US 67/167 corridor and other parts of the city
- ❑ Construction of new Central Fire Station at South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Richie Road to be complete in early 2019
- ❑ Senior Center facility improvements, Phase II a kitchen and dining facility to be complete mid 2018





# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

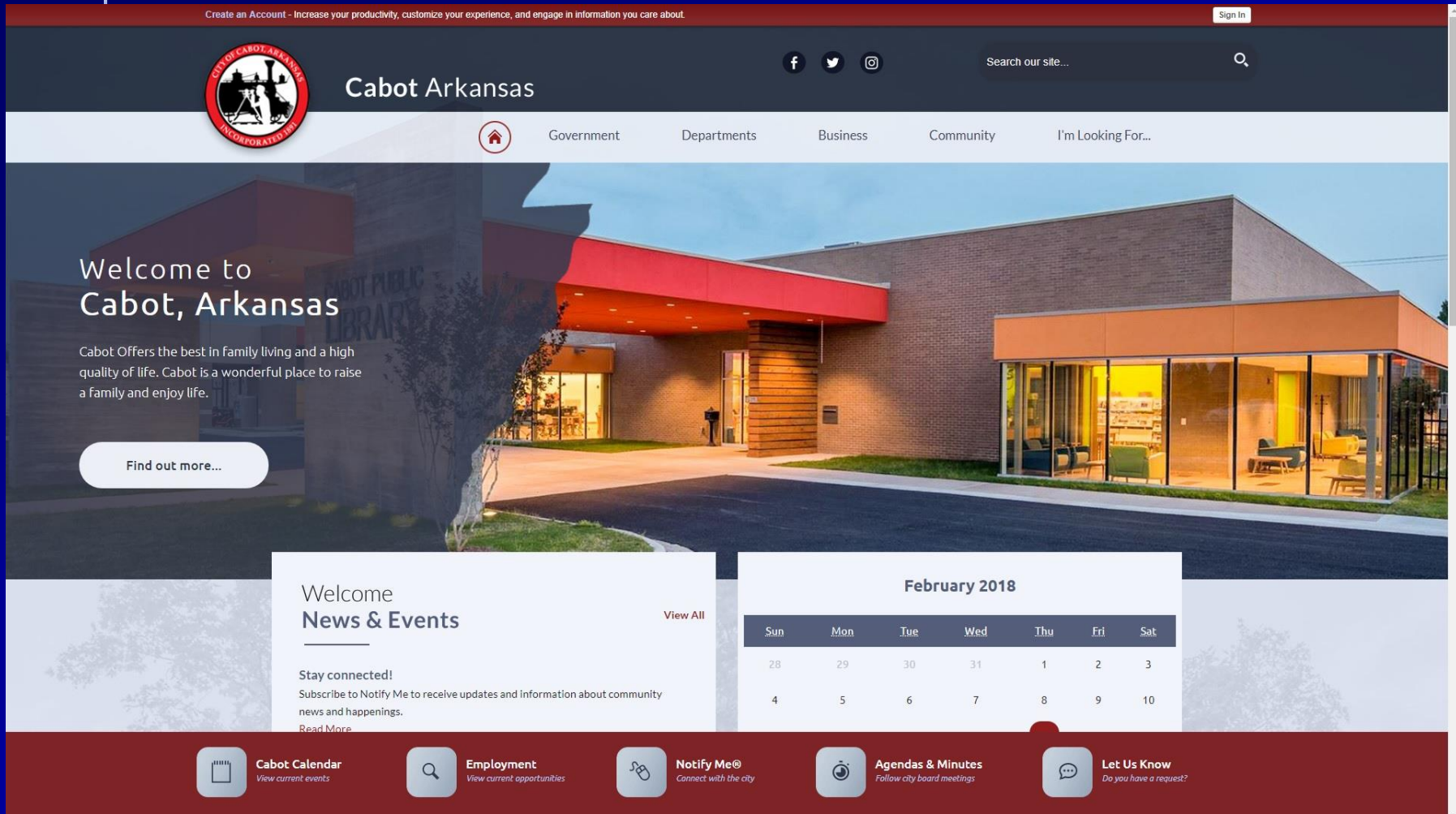
## **2018 — *Forward* Continued**

- ❑ **Finalize, publish and keep updated Comprehensive plan for the City of Cabot, and filed with Lonoke and Pulaski Counties**
  - **Corridor plans**
  - **Planning Area Boundaries**
  - **Access Management Plans**
  - **Master Street Plan**
  - **Master Sidewalk Plan with designated bike lanes**
  - **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**
  - **Fire Station Plan**
- ❑ **Implementation of a new state-of-the-art web site by 03/01/2018**
- **Continue strengthening US Congressional delegation relationships for community development, federal highway funding, and grants through personal visits and connection to Washington Congressional offices**
- **Continue strategy for development of an Economic Development Commission with appropriate funding with a goal of being fully operational in the 2023 – 2025 time frame**



# CABOT, ARKANSAS

## New Web Site Prototype



# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2018 – *Forward* Continued**

- **Continue to build partnerships and enhance relationships with:**
  - **The Arkansas Transportation Department ArDOT**
  - **Metroplan and member cities and counties**
  - **Little Rock Air Force Base**
  - **Camp Robinson**
  - **United States Congressional delegation**
  - **State Legislature delegation**
  - **Cabot Public School District**
  - **CAPDD, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District**
  - **Cabot Chamber of Commerce**
  - **Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District**
  - **Arkansas Municipal League**
  - **Cabot City Council and most importantly the citizens**
  - **Adjacent cities and Lonoke County**
  - ❖ ***A city for education excellence and quality of life!***

# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2018 – *Forward* Continued**

- **Continue to build partnerships and enhance relationships with citizens:**
  - **Encourage and promote citizen engagement with elected officials, the City council, fire, police, and Parks & Recreation**
    - Town hall meetings
    - Community policing
    - Encourage City Council Members to be more visible and connected to the citizens in their ward and get involved in community events and functions
  - **Community development and building grows best and expands from engaged grass roots in the neighborhoods**
  - **Public input, creative wisdom and intelligence is critical to successful recommendations and strategy for the city**
- ❖ ***"We are all in this together, let's take pride in our neighborhoods and community and pick up litter, Cabot is pledged to progress "!***

# Transportation Vision and Improvement Plan

- Detailed plan and current report on the city web site home page
- Major needed projects currently include:
  - North Cabot Interchange, under construction
  - Six lanes between Cabot and Jacksonville under construction
  - Adaptive signal control and management, in progress
  - Exit 16 & 19 interchange renovations, near term
  - SH 321 capacity improvement 2 to 4 lanes from Exit 16 to SH 89, near term
  - SH 5 Capacity improvement 2 to 4 lanes from SH 89 to Magness Creek, on AHTD four lane plan
  - All of the above included, except SH 5, on the Metroplan and AHTD Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan 2016 – 2020
  - Working with MetroPlan on the 2019 to 2022 plan





***Cabot, Arkansas will continue to focus and work diligently and relentlessly in partnerships to strategize, design, obtain funding, and build a traffic infrastructure and state-of-the-art signalization that will support reasonable traffic maneuverability as well as community and economic development.***

- ❖ **Elm Street, Locust Street, and Cinema Boulevard improvements**
- ❖ **Grant to Polk Streets Connection**
- ❖ **New road from Polk to Lincoln Streets behind Freshman academy**
- ❖ **Highway 89 corridor improvements to I40**
- ❖ **Connectivity new Cabot Interchange to Mt Springs, Greystone, and Magness Creek areas, could be feasible to have a parkway up four mile creek northwest, which would enhance the plan and strategy for the Lonoke County Regional Park, potential passive park setting with walking trails and full service year round RV park**
- ❖ **Connectivity Mt Tabor Road via Oglesby Road to SH 89**
- ❖ **Sportsplex back connectivity to Kerr Station Road**
- ❖ **Left turn Lane east to Diederich Lane**
- ❖ **Right turn lane Plaza Boulevard to SH 89 South**
- ❖ **Central Cabot Interchange long term**

# ***Strategic Planning Infrastructure and Community Development***

*Imagine!*  
**CABOT**



# **CABOT ARKANSAS**



**02/15/2018**

***Alone we can do so little;  
Together we can do so much!  
-HELEN KELLER***

***Health, safety, education, quality, professionalism, and progress every day!***

## **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ **Community Development in partnership with the Cabot Chamber of Commerce, by **March 2018****
- ❖ ***New web site and portal, quick access for city functions including the Chamber, **Live 10 am 02/26/2018*****
- ❖ ***Street and Highway Improvements, **ongoing*****
- ❖ *****Continued** community development of downtown and the Main Street Corridor***
- ❖ *****Continued** improvement of and facilities and services for senior citizens***
- ❖ ***New Central Fire Station, **2018*****
- ❖ ***Real time (Smart City) traffic signal management on major corridors, **2018 / 2019*****
- ❖ ***Kitchen and dining facility for new Senior Citizens Center **2018*****
- ❖ ***Consider a partnership with Parks and Recreation for all grounds keeping and city beautification **2018 / 2019*****
- ❖ ***Replace aging purchase order system with a new state-of-the-art system **2018*****
- ❖ ***Finalize the base flood elevation for the Diamond Creek area **2018*****
- ❖ ***Build and place in operation a new Fire Education Unit **2018 /2019*****
- ❖ ***Install Generator at City Street Shop **2018*****
- ❖ ***Police drug and tracking dog **January 2019** in partnership with Cabot Public School District***

# **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ ***Replacement of new technology roofs on the Plaza Building 2020***
- ❖ ***Additional roadways and off street stacking for schools on the Lincoln Street Corridor and other locations in partnership with the Cabot Public School District Ongoing***
- ❖ ***Highway 89 improvements west from proposed Coffelt Crossing Interchange on US 67 / 167 west to I 40 South of Mayflower , study underway by the ArDOT and Metroplan, study projected completion 2018***
- ❖ ***Roadway connectivity from new North Cabot Interchange to North Lonoke County, Greystone, and Magness Creek areas in cooperation and partnership with the County Judge to seek grant funding 2019 at earliest***
- ❖ ***Roadway connectivity from Kerr Station Road west via Oglesby Road to SH 89 in cooperation with the County Judge longer term***
- ❖ ***SportsPlex back roadway connection to Kerr Station Road 2018***
- ❖ ***Cabot Central Interchange on Us 67 / 167 between Exits 16 & 19 with connectivity downtown via Richie Road longer term 2030 at earliest***
- ❖ ***Frontage road on the east side of US 67 / 167 from Home Depot to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street just north of Entergy Substation Complex longer term 2025 at earliest***
- ❖ ***Drug Task Force longer term 2021***
- ❖ ***New multipurpose outside event venue, Midterm***



# **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ ***New Quint Fire Engine 2020***
- ❖ ***Ongoing community beautification***
- ❖ ***Expansion of Parks and Recreation Facilities (Implementation of Master Plan) by Parks and Recreation Commission and continued improvement of cost recovery percentages of revenue to expense Ongoing***
- ❖ ***Continued support for fiber optic, internet access and speed, Wi-Fi***
- ❖ ***SH 5 two to four lane improvements from SH 89 to SH 319, currently on ArDOT four lane plan, funding could be included in 2021 forward STIP***
- ❖ ***Potential facilities, events, and functions for millennial and GenZ population***
- ❖ ***Continued upgrades to technology and security***
- ❖ ***Reinvestment in major equipment such as bucket truck 2019, boom mower, 2019, new vac truck 2020, etc. and other large equipment***
- ❖ ***Evaluation of energy technology such as compressed natural gas and heating and cooling efficiency Ongoing***
- ❖ ***Continued use of LED technology lighting both indoor and outdoor use (street lights) Ongoing as technology price performance improves***
- ❖ ***Traffic flow improvements to Locust Street between Exit 16 and Lincoln 2019 / 2020***
- ❖ ***Completion of Cinema Boulevard from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets 2019***

# **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ **Battery backup for all traffic signals by 2020, installation has begun, 3 done, several priority annually**
- ❖ **Left turn lane east SH 321 to Diederich Lane 2020**
- ❖ **Right turn lane south Plaza Boulevard to SH 89 2018**
- ❖ **Walking Trail and passive park amenities for new Senior Citizens Center 2019**
- ❖ **Storm water mapping MS4 inventory 2018 -2020, 3 year project, started**
- ❖ **Community policing 2018 / 2019**
- ❖ **New street planning and development to facilitate peak school traffic periods**
- ❖ **High speed corridor connectivity to west Little Rock and central Arkansas**
- ❖ **Continued planning for and implementation of roundabouts**
- ❖ **Working with ArDOT for four lane expansion of major state highway principal arterials Ongoing**
- ❖ **Work with Congress and the Arkansas General Assembly to provide funding for state and local street and highway improvements Ongoing**
- ❖ **Work with the Arkansas General Assembly and the ArDOT for the extension of US 67 / 167 (I 57) to the Missouri state line Ongoing**
- ❖ **Continue seeking grant funding sources for StreetScape 10<sup>th</sup> St to Exit 19**

## **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ ***Identify and implement*** functions to promote a healthier city in concert with "Healthy Active Arkansas"
- ❖ ***Continue*** value engineering and cost containment initiatives to work harder and smarter
- ❖ ***Continue*** to improve walkability as outlined in the City Council adopted "Walkable Cabot 2016" Plan
- ❖ ***Continue*** working with all of our partners in the city, Lonoke County, and Central Arkansas for common goals and improvements benefiting all in the area
- ❖ ***Continually*** strive to develop a long term strategic plan ( **2020 to 2050**) to meet the needs of all socioeconomic diverse population needs of Cabot
- ❖ ***Expand*** city cleanups in partnership with Cabot City Beautiful **2019 /2020**
- ❖ ***Continued*** drainage improvements on the Diamond Creek and Kerr Station drainage basins **2020**
- ❖ ***Long term*** step pay for employees phased in over several or more years
- ❖ ***Evaluate*** providing waste water services to areas currently not served
- ❖ ***Continue*** to fund sidewalks and safe routes to school
- ❖ ***Consider*** Bicycling lane opportunities on appropriate corridors

# **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

- ❖ **Continued** implementation of "Walkable Cabot 2016" and additional sidewalks in concert with growth and need with current funding and potential support from sales and use tax refunding and improvement bonds along with available grants
- ❖ **Sustainable and cost effective** infrastructure and operations and maintenance solutions and improvements for improving quality of life, health and fitness, and community and economic development opportunities
- ❖ Creation of new jobs locally and more amenable access in the surrounding areas **Ongoing**
- ❖ **Ongoing** energy conservation and environment protection
- ❖ **Roadway health and safety, goals** for reduction of death and serious injuries
- ❖ **Regional collaborations and partnerships** for community and economic development
- ❖ **Large scale grant funding** opportunities such as Tiger Grants either stand alone city or in partnership with other cities and/or the county
- ❖ **Sharing** of resources and solutions with our partners
- ❖ Political and legislative **strength** through our partners
- ❖ **Expand** downtown parking particularly around the City Annex and District Court



# **CABOT 2018 and Beyond Strategic Planning**

**"Light Up Cabot"** expansion of lighting at major intersections and city streets with funding by Chamber of Commerce Members, businesses, and grants

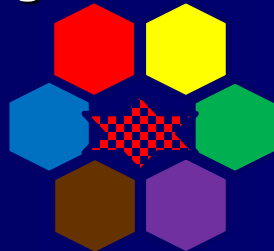


- ❖ **New Christmas lighting** for expansion of StreetScape and Pine Street
- ❖ **Emergency signals** for Fire Departments on State Highways **Long-term**
- ❖ **Apply** for Arkansas Business "City of Distinction" Award
- ❖ **Apply to State Tourism** for Cabot to be put on the "Christmas Trail of Lights"
- ❖ **Strategic planning** for a county wide 911 call and dispatch center also supporting additional technology for police and fire work and operations
- ❖ **Evaluate** a land bank to acquire, manage, maintain, and repurpose vacant, abandoned, foreclosed properties –the worst abandoned houses, forgotten buildings, and empty lots
- ❖ **Continued** emphasis on "Pick up Litter"

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## 2018 Ongoing

- ❑ City leadership of function with budget funding and City Council Committee in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce
- ❑ Further define and improve quality of life, education, job opportunities, and infrastructure for the long term with input and support of community residents and businesses
- ❑ Partnership and team concept with city and commissions to potentially provide infrastructure incentives
- ❑ *Cabot Trade Area Profile Summary* for perspective business and interests in the community
- ❑ Provide interaction and synergy from the mayoral administration and Chamber of Commerce to effectuate and support economic and community development
- ❑ Potentially interact with Metro Little Rock Alliance to facilitate providing trade area profile information worldwide
- ❑ Continue to mature and implement strategy for desired growth and marketing of Cabot with an Economic Development Commission longer term



*Imagine!*  
**CABOT**

# **COMMUNITY Development and Redevelopment Investments 2014 to 2017**

- ❑ **\$ 36,741,137 City infrastructure, primarily 2013 bonds**
- ❑ **\$ 56,221,235 Private and Public Main street destination corridor**
- ❑ **\$ 22,027,790 Private in other parts of city**
- ❑ **\$106,436,271 AHTD Completed or under construction**
- ❑ **\$ 44,000,000 AHTD Planned and funded next few years**
- ❑ **\$ 22,756,331 Cabot Public Schools**
- ❑ **732,213 Parks and Recreation**
- ❑ **\$287,514,977 GRAND TOTAL**

**and growing**

**See "Current Major Projects" on  
web site home page**



# ***CITY COMMISSIONS***

## **❖ Water and Wastewater Commission**

- Statutorily independent
- Rates only source of revenue, cannot comingle with city funds, City Council must approve rates
- City owns all property

## **❖ Advertising and Promotion Commission**

- Statutorily independent
  - Revenue from 1.5% prepared foods and beverage tax
  - 2017 collected \$918,893

## **❖ Planning Commission**

Funded by city \$66,619 annually

Recommendations sent directly to the City Council

## **❖ Parks and Recreation Commission**

- Operates City Parks and recreational programs
- Funded by P & R program revenue and city funds
- City owns all property
- Statutorily independent

- ❖ Public Housing Facilities Board independently operates Cabot public housing



# ***Team Cabot***

## ***Mission Statement "we're all in this together"!***

- ❖ *Strategic planning and teamwork with five to twenty plus strategic plans*
- ❖ *Perpetual value engineering and cost containment*
- ❖ *Constant cost / benefit vigil and awareness*
- ❖ *Strive to avoid over budget expenditures for operations and maintenance throughout the fiscal year, January to December*
- ❖ *Continued understanding of city finances and reporting*
- ❖ *Constant price / performance evaluation and documentation*
- ❖ *Increased staff productivity and task management skills*
- ❖ *Continued utilization of technology and software*
- ❖ *Constant vigil to professionalism , integrity, and transparency*
- ❖ *Coming together, keeping together, and working together for Progress and success*
- ❖ *Timely response with respect for residents and public officials*
- ❖ *Teamwork with harmony, respect, and dignity among staff*
- ❖ *Continue developing **Leadership** skills*
- ❖ *Ensure that all activity is legally sound*

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# **INFORMATION ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE CABOT WEB SITE**

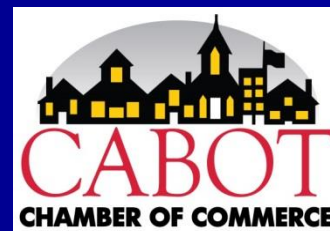
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- **"Current Major Projects"**
- **"Transportation Vision and Improvement" Detail**
- **"Transportation Vision and Improvement" Summary**
- **"Strategic Transportation Planning Report"**
- **Imagine Cabot "Cabot, Arkansas - Trade Area Profile Summary"**
- **"Walkable Cabot" Map and Poster**
- **State of the City 2018**

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*Quality of life is economic development, we are building a city where your kids and grandkids will want to live and have opportunity to do so!*

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- ***Cabot, Arkansas A Destination for Education, Achievement and Quality Life!***



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- *Lonoke County Judge*
- *Little Rock Air Force Base*
- *Central Arkansas Planning and Development District*

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**I WANT TO PERSONALLY  
THANK EACH VETERAN  
AND ACTIVE MILITARY  
MEMBER FOR SERVING  
OUR COUNTRY!**



**Working together Cabot will be one of the best places in America to live, play, work, and invest!**  
**"Team Cabot"**

- **Thank you and may God bless you and yours, Cabot, Arkansas, and the USA**

**Coming together is a beginning.**  
**Keeping together is progress.**  
**Working together is success!**

**Henry Ford**

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